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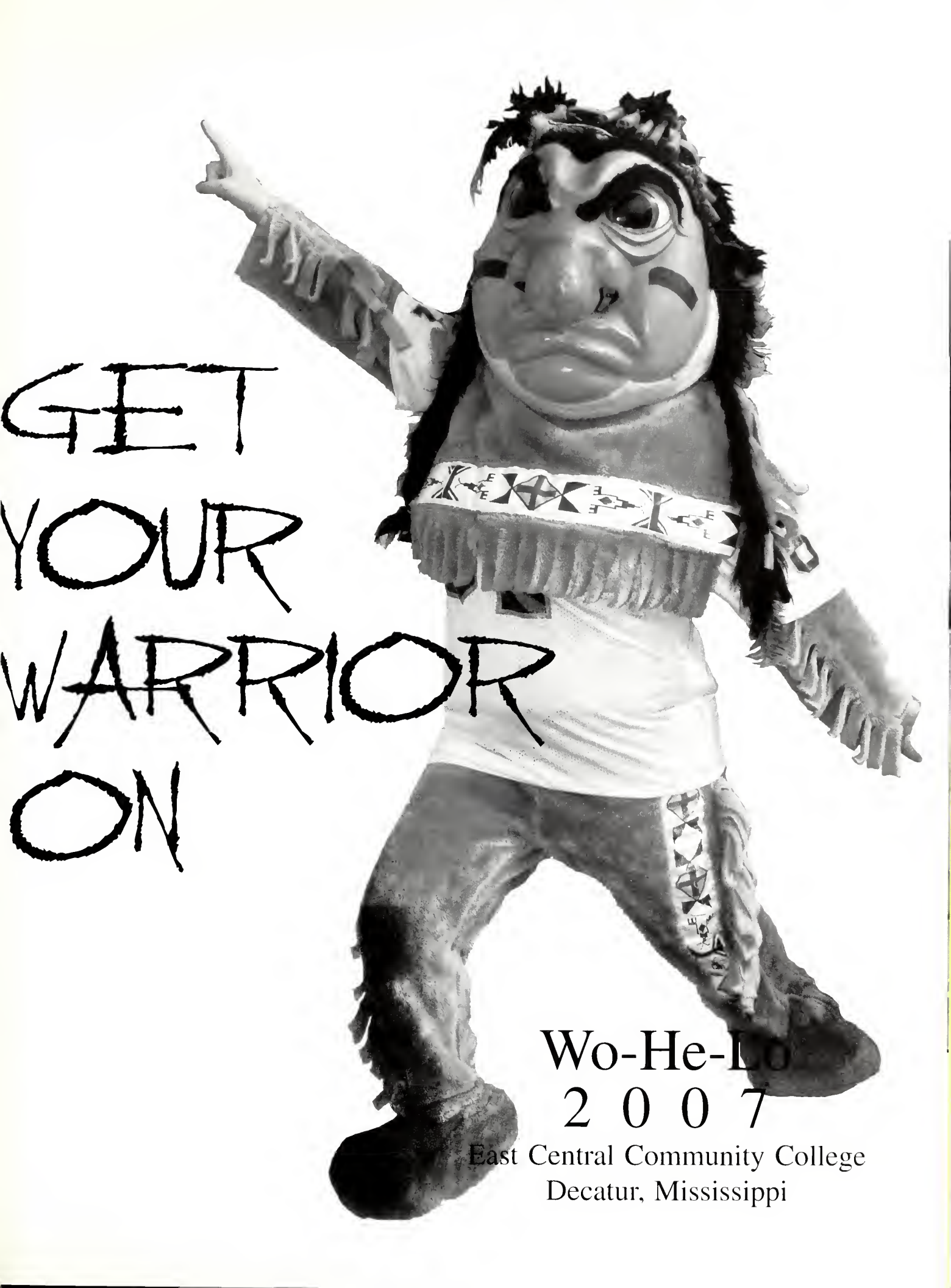

Wo-He-Lo
2007

East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi

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WARRIOR ON

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Slippin,'slidin,' and even surfin' to the "pool of the gunk," sophomore basketball players Ernesto Green and Bryan Johnson let their inner child come out as they participate in the annual BSU Messy Games. Above, freshmen Centralettes Traci Harrison and Marty Ann Bergin ring in the new year as they perform their freshman initiation dance on the mall.

HEY YA!

Music is in the air! No place does that statement ring true as it does on the East Central campus. From the sounds of the Wall O' Sound practicing in the late afternoons, to the boom-boom of car radios blasting, to the private world of the IPOD, we are surrounded by music. It's everywhere; we love it; and even if you don't, there is no escaping it. That's why the 2007 edition of the Wo-He-Lo combines life at East Central with music. Lie back, crank up you favorite tunes, and let me show you what I am talking about...

HERE IT GOES AGAIN... Another new school year, another new yearbook, and we are finding ourselves in Decatur once again. We all come from different backgrounds, different areas of the world. Some of us are from FAR AWAY, some of us BORN IN THE USA, and some of us might even live right next door in SWEET HOME ALABAMA. A few of us might have even traveled to see the LONDON BRIDGE. Boredom can sometimes be overwhelming. You might sit in your room thinking "SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO?" or maybe you look at your roommate and exclaim "WE GOTTA GET OUT OF THIS PLACE!" Even though CHANGES are here, you can't forget all the GOOD TIMES that Decatur provides: CHASING CARS, acting CRAZY, pushing each others BUTTONS, letting our CHAIN HANG LOW, and RIDING DIRTY to Meridian. Don't forget those Thursday nights where all you want to do is CELEBRATE after that football victory. Take advantage of your days here and make the most of your classes. You may not like waking up before the crack of the dawn every morning to get ready for that eight o'clock algebra class, but one day when you are an adult in the real world, you will be a MONEY MAKER. Ms. Wood's first aid class might even teach you HOW TO SAVE A LIFE.

See what I mean? The music is everywhere, and in the 2007 Wo-He-Lo, we're going to find it in each facet of life at East Central. Instead of GETTIN' YA SHINE ON, we're gonna get our Warrior on! RING THE ALARM, SNAP YO FINGERS, and alert the media... EC is the place to be, and I KNOW YOU SEE IT!

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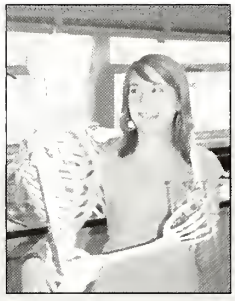
Voo Doo II quorterbock Pot "Vonillo Vick" Peterson clings tightly to the boll os he roces to outsmort Merle Henry, Jr. ond Loshown Houston, members of the 601 Boys. Voo Doo II went on to copture EC's intromurol footboll chompionship for the 2006 seoson.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO GET YOUR WARRIOR ON?

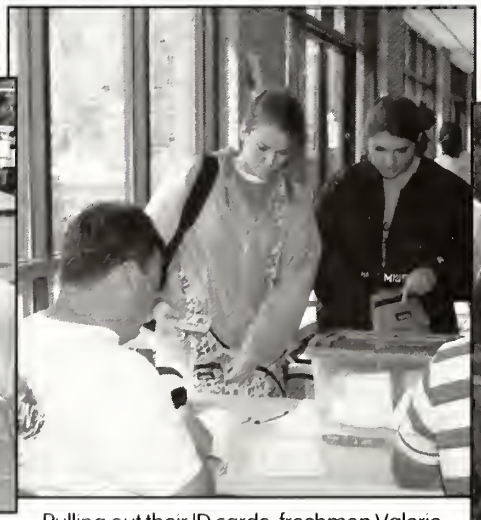


Dressing up for football games and showing spirit.
-Suzanne Henry

Bleeding black and sweating gold!
-Caleb Page

Representing my classmates on the baseball field.
-G.W. Washington

"West Side, walk it out... South side, walk it out..." Catching up with the latest music videos on BET, Howard Tucker and Xavier Moore enjoy their lunch of hot wings and chicken strips. The new grill was a popular hot spot on campus.



Pulling out their ID cards, freshmen Valerie Johnson and Amber Eaves, both of Nanih Waiya, contemplate the candidates for Homecoming maids once more. Elections at EC were a big deal, with candidates plastering posters everywhere and causing cavities with the free candy.

Bouncing to the beat of the drums, Gary Thames, Chris White, and Corey Sharp, members of the Wall O' Sound drumline, bring chills to everyone watching. The band receieved cheers as they perfomed at the annual Welcome Back Picnic.

These students know how to get their [illegible] on. "Warrior" Rebecca Washburn pumps up the crowd by striking poses and dancing around at Thursday night football games. Above, Eric Credille and friend entertain classmates as they show off their hackey sack skills on a warm Tuesday morning in front of Huff Auditorium.

MEET ME IN THE MALL . . .

IT'S GOIN' DOWN

Good things are goin' down at East Central, and they all start in the mall. That's where students cheer on contestants in the all-you-can-eat hot wings contest during the Meet the Warriors picnic; that's where they show their support for Warrior football players at fall pep rallies. Students gather in the mall with friends on a nice, cool day, and they bubble up the fountain with soap. In the mall, they can truly act themselves.

Student life may start in the mall, but it spreads across the entire campus and goes on all year long. During Welcome Back Week, students mix, mingle, and make friends by dancing together at the back-to-school dance, laugh together at the hypnotist show, and glide down the slip and slide at the BSU Messy Games.

Then students watch as colorful campaign flyers become wallpaper across campus, and they enjoy the candy that is shoved in their faces by eager candidates. Most make sure they take the time to vote for their favorites in the various campus elections.

Students enter the yearly Beauty and Beau Pageant, and those who don't make posters supporting their favorite contestants. Students prepare a Warrior headdress to wear in the student section at the week's football game, and they deck themselves in colorful costumes during Haunted House of Hoops.

Students practice band, cheerleading, or athletics, and they participate in intramural sports, or at least rally to support their favorite intramural team. And when Spring Spree comes, students create a team and get ready for a week full of volleyball, teamwork, and crawfish!

All the while, EC students are doing the day-in and day-out things: struggling out of bed in the mornings (which doesn't come easy!), going to class, enjoying lunch in the cafeteria or grill, and studying, studying, studying.

So . . . are you ready for a taste of life at East Central? Meet me in the mall... "It's Goin' Down."

STUDENT LIFE

McClain Mullins, Maggie McDill, Mark Craig

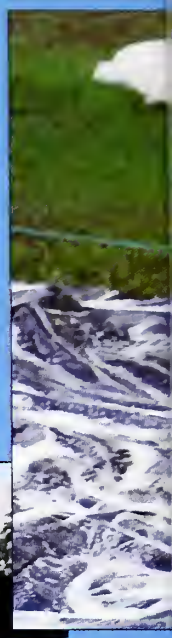
Chelsea Brown

Lindsey Province, Sierra Hinson

Jason Hurdle, Caylee Sullivan

a warrior welcome

At the Meet-the-Warriors Picnic, Casey Cooper enjoys some friendly conversation with her barbeque, while Joe Killens completely concentrates on the platter set before him. Good food and even better fellowship were the highlights of this traditional back-to-school event.



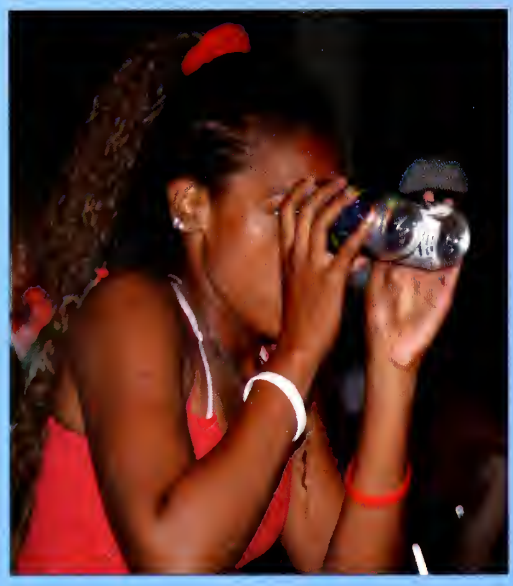
A yearly tradition, Welcome Back Week introduced new students to Warrior life, revived returning students back into Warriors, and gave everyone the chance to have some fun while easing back into the classroom setting.

Events began on Monday night with a motivational speaker encouraging new freshmen to "Make It Count." On Tuesday, students packed the south campus gym for SBA's Welcome Back Dance. Wednesday night brought Colonel Ed Wallington's popular hypnosis show.

On Thursday, EC students chowed down on barbecue, enjoyed live music, and saw the newest moves of EC's Centralettes and cheerleaders at the Meet-the-Warriors Picnic. In the end, EC's sports teams stole the show as the players introduced themselves to the crowd and promised to give fans something to cheer about all year long. BSU's annual Messy Games literally provided the "icing on the cake" for Thursday night.

As Welcome Back Week came to an end, both freshmen and sophomores had adjusted into their surroundings and had learned that their personalities are an important ingredient of student life at EC. By week's end, EC students had clearly gotten their Warrior on.

~ Vick Warnsley



Convinced that she sees an incredibly handsome guy, Kia Latiker checks him out with her "binoculars." Kia was nervous about being hypnotized at first, but after a while she really believed she could do anything. "It was the best thing that I have ever done because I could express me - who I am."

"Slip Slidin' Away" - Katie Corley maintains a smile on her face as she makes her way down the massive slip and slide at the BSU Messy Games. Katie said, "At first I was scared, but sometimes you just gotta get over that fear and let it slide." The games were attended by more than 150 students, who renewed old friendships and made new ones to start the year off right.

Getting up close and personal with the pool at the BSU Messy Games, Chessie Stone and Kayla Coward find out for themselves where the awful stench is coming from - marshmallows, chocolate and strawberry syrup, sardines, and other totally disgusting things. All Chessie could say was "Pew-eee."

Convinced he has all the grace of a ballerina, Jordan Monarch performs a less-than-smooth leap that tells the audience otherwise. The experience of being under hynopsis was a unique one for Jordan. He said, "It felt like I had woken up from a dream and there were a lot of people staring at me. I really did not remember what had happened after I fell asleep."

With a yawn and a big stretch, Warrior Rebecca Washburn begins to drag herself out of bed. Students all over campus did the same, some at daybreak and others much later.

Waiting on her Tuesday/Thursday literature class to begin, Lindsy McClendon passes the time by drawing a few doodles in her binder. Students found quiet spots around campus to take a breather in the midst of a hectic day.

Fried chicken Thursday proves to be a favorite as Lady Warrior basketball teammates Constance Hayes, Tenesha Brown, Erin Watkins, Carlena Clemons, and Andrea Dubose get ready to chow down.

Every day, Warriors...

"My alarm tune is "Rock Star" by Nickelback! I feel like a rock star every morning!"
-Chessie Stone

"Mr. Crenshaw is my favorite teacher. He's great, especially in his mini skirt... Just kidding!"
-JJ Weatherford

"All I do is practice, practice, practice!"
-Amanda Schmidt

"It seems like we always have chicken. I'm not complaining because who doesn't love chicken?"
-Katherine Taylor

"My favorite hangout is my dorm, Neshoba Hall. It's the ultimate hangout!"
-Terrell Haynes

"At night, I usually play my guitar or piano. I like to think of it as studying since I am a music major."
-Jared Hollingsworth

Giving it everything they have, Taylor Ball and William Cumberland practice their notes as they sweat it out during band practice. Wall O' Sound members got their daily dose of band as they practiced two hours every afternoon, rain or shine.

The sun rises over Decatur, and another new day on the campus of East Central begins. Yet, a typical day of a Warrior isn't very typical at all.

Warriors wake up at seven, eleven, or even three in the afternoon. Some shower and primp, strutting to class in their best outfit. Others roll out of bed minutes before class and barely find time to brush their teeth as they kick it in their favorite pajamas.

Warriors know that cramming for that huge test usually doesn't work, so they just go eat lunch instead. Some pick the cafeteria, and others choose the grill to feast on favorite foods and flock with favorite friends. Afternoons arrive; the band marches on and athletes sprint to practice.

After that early five o'clock supper, procrasination sets in. Tomorrow's test may be forgotten as students find other things to do, such as racing around the track trying to scare off that freshman fifteen or calling the parents to plead for extra cash. Sometimes the studying just waits, and other times students pull an all nighter to get it all done.

Finally, Warriors catch a few "z's" and then wake up for another typical, yet not-so-typical day at East Central.

~ Jennifer Sistrunk

a "typical" warrior day

Taking a break from her busy schedule, Kimberly Love relaxes in the gazebo playing on her phone. Throughout the day, students could be seen sitting in the gazebo enjoying the nice shade.

While eating a late lunch at the grill, Jennifer Carter and Sparkle Rash enjoy each other's company. Each day, students frequented EC's new high-tech grill to get a bite to eat and visit with friends. Sparkle said, "The grill is fun - the atmosphere is unlike any other place at EC."

With his opponent about to scratch, A. J. Wesley cannot help but laugh. A. J. said, "I go to the gameroom nearly every day to beat my friends at pool." Pool tables were one of the more exciting games in the newly established gameroom.

no better place

Doing an impressive single-handed stand, Calvin Gray astonishes his friends - Antuan Priester, Constance Hayes, and Michael Townsend. Students enjoyed hanging out on nice afternoons on EC's beautifully landscaped mall.

With its beautiful landscaping and new, up-to-date facilities, there was no better place to hang out than the campus of East Central.

Students enjoyed gathering in the mall between classes or having lunch together in the new grill as they caught up with the latest music videos or campus gossip. "The grill is the best place to hang out - you walk in and it feels like you are at a university instead of being at East Central," said Russ Godwin.

Students found quiet time in the gazebo or on a bench tucked away in a corner. In the afternoons, Amber Eaves, Valerie Johnson, and Hannah Miles often headed to Winston Hall to hang out. They explained, "The grass patch in front of the boys' dorms is an awesome place to play football with our guy friends."

When night fell and 10 pm arrived, guys were kicked out of the Barber Hall lobby, and they gathered on the front benches. The hot pink chairs on the porch of House 18, the only campus house, also served as a great place for private midnight concerts. Sullivan Park allowed for some late night tennis action, and the band practice field provided a great place for soccer, glow- in-the-dark-football, or even water balloon fights.

With so many campus hot spots to choose from, hanging out at EC had never been better.

~ Megan Thomas

Being the ladies' man that he is, Anse Rigby sits on the porch of House 18 using his sweet voice to serenade the girls - Courtney Elkins, Lorie Jenkins, Melanie Eaves, Rebecca Washburn, Celeste Burt, Megan Thomas, and Mandy Dennis.

Getting her laundry done, Elizabeth Barney decides to save her mom some trouble and wash before leaving for the weekend.

if these walls could talk

If the four walls in all EC dorm rooms could talk, what would they say?

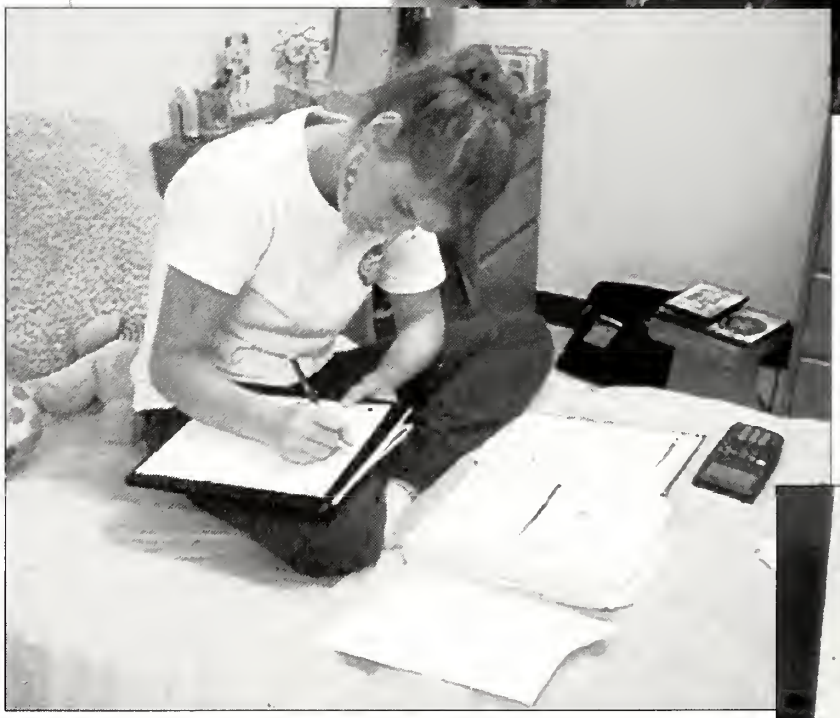
Would they tell of how a Todd Hall resident played his music loudly, just daring to get in trouble? Would they talk about how the girls of Jackson Hall practiced their latest dance moves in front of a mirror before heading off for a night of fun?

The dorm rooms might discuss how the athletes of Newsome Hall spent much of their time in continuous study, or maybe they would talk about how the residents of Barber Hall spent their free time gathered in the lobby.

These walls would definitely tell about how the residents of Scott Hall ate, slept, and breathed Warrior football, and even how the guys of Winston loved sitting in their rooms trying to beat the latest video game. Don't forget the walls of Neshoba Hall. They would talk about how those boys took such pride in their cars.

Regardless of what would be said, each story would show the individual spontaneity to dorm life at EC. At one point, the entire campus could seem empty, but then life would suddenly erupt from every corner. To say it best, the walls of each dorm would echo the famous words of Forrest Gump: Dorm life "is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna get."

~Vick Warnsley



Can you say studying? Kim Sanders studies all of her notes for a math test. "My dorm room is a great place for me to get peace and quiet and concentrate fully on my studies," commented Kim. Most students hang out during the day and save the studying for nighttime.

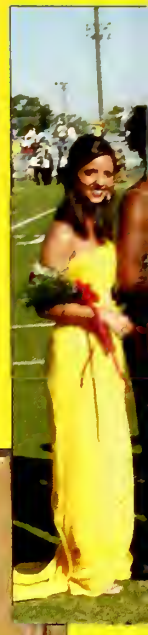
Taking time out of their busy day, Amber Eaves, Kelly Kight, Valerie Johnson, and Hannah Miles pass the time by playing a good game of cards. "Dorm life is more than I expected," stated Hannah with a smile.

Playing the X-Box, LeTraygo Nelson and DeAndre Griffin enjoy time outside of class. Many students spent their free time in the dorms with friends just hanging

Like many of the dorm guys on campus, Tyler Adcock and Cody Moore lean on the balcony of Winston Hall watching people walk around campus.

a day to celebrate being a warrior

After weeks of preparation and meticulous painting, East Central Environmental Club's hard work paid off as they took top honors in the annual Homecoming sign competition. This year's winning sign displayed film reels containing shots of campus life at EC, portraying the "Best Pics in 2006."



Webster's Dictionary defines homecoming as "a return to one's home on a special occasion." At East Central, Homecoming is defined as a day to celebrate being a Warrior. For many, this is the most anticipated school event of the year, and it never proves to be a disappointment.

This year's excitement began on Thursday night as students gathered in clusters at the pond for the traditional pep rally. The court was presented, students competed in a pie-eating contest, and Dr. Sutphin gave his pep talk. Just when students thought it couldn't get any better, freshmen minds were blown as the Warrior ran over to light the bonfire. The steady beat provided by the drumline made hearts race with adrenaline as students began to dance around the hot fire.

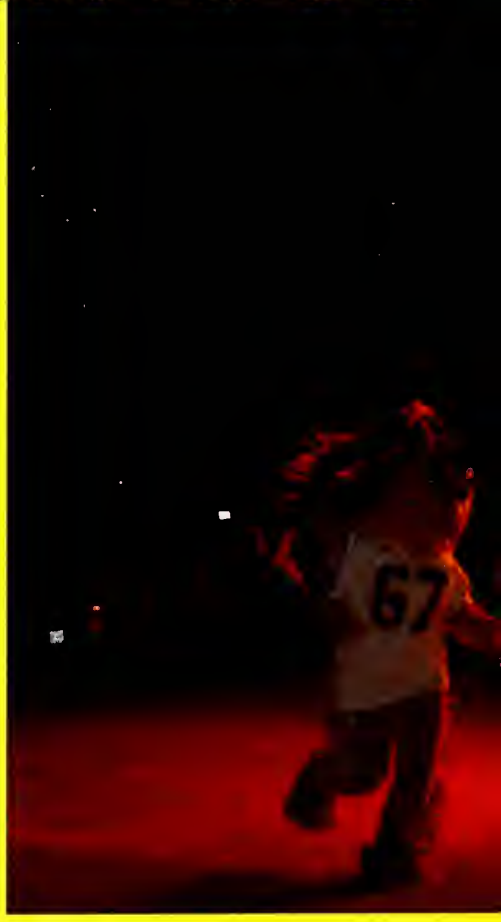
Saturday morning provided a great time for alumni to gather on the campus to tour the newly completed Student Union and reminisce with old friends about their days in Decatur. Colorfully painted banners stating "The Best Pick of '06" decorated the mall area.

The return to Warrior field for a Saturday afternoon of football concluded the high-spirited week. The team took the field as they took on the nationally ranked Bulldogs of MGCCC. Once again, the court took center stage as they were presented at halftime.

The excitement and spirit shown at Homecoming 2006 proved once again Homecoming is the best day to be called a Warrior.

~ Megan Thomas

Jamming out on his guitar, Matt Jones steals the crowd as members of the color guard twirl their flags in sync with the music.



After the halftime presentation, the lovely ladies on the court stop to pose for a picture. Members of the 2006 Homecoming court were Dru Anderson, Cortney Miller, Brittany Barfield, Sarah James, Queen Maggie McDill, Kim Cleveland, Jordan Taylor, Carmen Ezell, and Casey Cooper.

After lighting the fire, Warrior Rebecca Washburn grits her teeth and sweats it out as she makes the traditional run around the fire. Students and parents marveled over the huge fire and rocked out to the drumline, getting pumped about Saturday's game against Gulf Coast.

The cheerleading squad holds tightly to the sign, bracing for a fierce tear by the football team. The traditional run through the "breakthrough" made by the cheerleaders fired players up, giving them momentum going into the game.

Excitement is in the air as members of the Warrior football team - Jonathan Pickens, Ivan Hickmon, Jess Brantley, David McCants, Freddy Parham, Rod Dixon, George Lowe, Katlon French , and Tyler Wolters - miraculously jump into the back of a truck, catching a ride to the bonfire. The players, along with other students, enjoyed entertainment provided to pump everyone up for Saturday's big game.

With the enthusiastic Homecoming crowd cheering him on, DeAngelo Carter turns on the speed to get around the MGCCC defender. The week's activities culminated with an exciting game, in which the Warriors nearly toppled their nationally ranked opponent.

With smiles on their faces and pom-poms in the air, Brittony White, Courtney Elkins, and Ashley Crimm remain in step with their fellow Centrolettes as they dance to the beat of the music.

Her smile says it all - Susanna Pace really enjoys smearing the face of McClain Mullins with a cream pie. What's it like having whipped cream thrown in your face? Mullins said, "It was nasty and , but at least it tasted good."

Gathering around the Warrior, cheerleaders and members of the court smile, knowing that Homecoming 2006 will be a memorable day that will stay with them for years to come.

Favorite Homecoming Activities

1. Crowning the Queen

Representing my classmates as queen was a memorable and exciting part of career at EC.

~ Maggie McDill

2. Bonfire Pep Rally

It's hard to put into words, but I love the adrenaline rush I get playing with all those people dancing around the bonfire.

~ Mandi King, drumline

3. Football Game

It was great playing on a Saturday afternoon at home. It made it even more exciting to be playing in front of a big crowd against a nationally ranked opponent.

~ Tyler Walters, freshman right guard

4. Halftime Show

Our halftime show is more exciting than most; we have great songs that are fun to perform, and the crowd can really get into them. This performance is the highlight of the season!

~ Katie Harper, Color Guard captain

5. Sign Competition

The sign competition is a great way for club members to express artistic creativity and have fun doing it. It's interesting to see the different ways organizations express their school spirit.

~ Tab Harrell, ECEC member

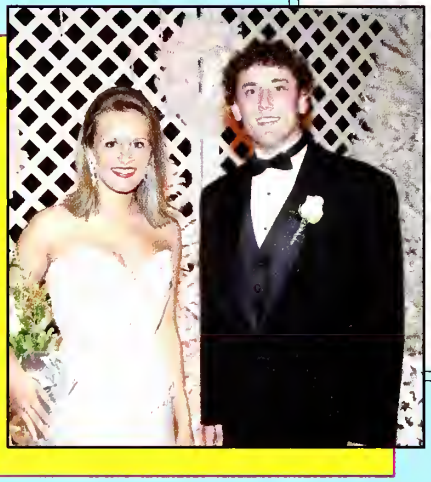
Most Beautiful

Caylee Sullivan

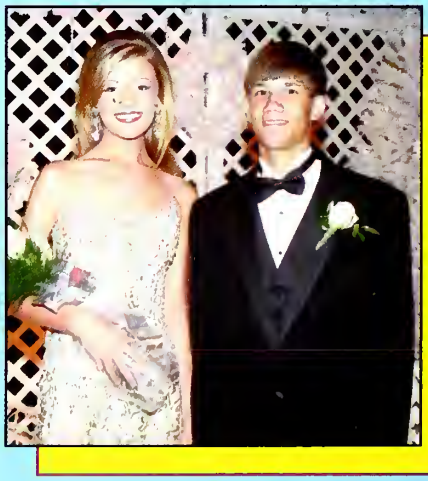
Louisville

Casey Cooper
Forest
Kyle Barrett
Decatur

Kim Faucette
Carthage
Blake Hedrick
Newton

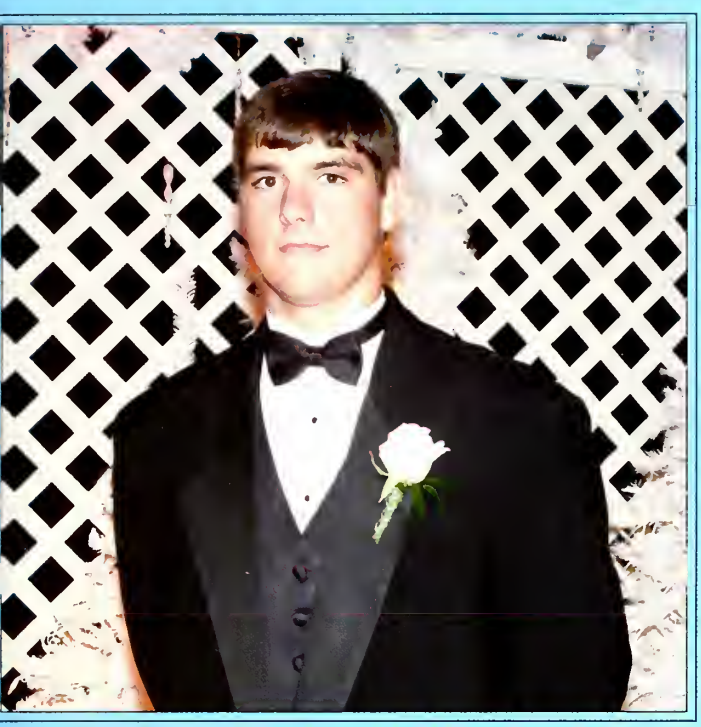


Brittany White
Union
Justin Hurdle
Forest



Kelly Kight
Louisville
Jason Hurdle
Forest

october night of beauty



Most Handsome
Caleb Page
Newton

Heels, hose, and hairspray - these three things were found in every contestant's possession on that October night. Moms, sisters, aunts, and other friends teased hair, applied makeup, and calmed nerves as the girls chatted anxiously and battled butterflies.

However, in room #104, the handsome men of the pageant were kicked back, as they listened and laughed while Jason Hurdle attempted to persuade his twin, Justin, to switch contestant numbers. "I wanted to swap numbers to get a laugh from the audience. I was trying to keep them on their toes by them having to guess which twin was which," Jason explained.

Showtime rolled around, and contestants were greeted on stage with catcalls and colorful signs. As the beauties presented themselves with poise and confidence, Jason and Justin appeared on stage, along with the three other handsome men, smiling and wearing their correct numbers. The judges had a difficult decision to make, but as the night drew to a close, winners were announced. Sophomores Caylee Sullivan and Caleb Page walked away with top honors of the night.

The contestants of the 2006 Beauty Review did a great job of battling butterflies, and the October night of beauty proved to be a success.

~ Megan Thomas

Top Ten Beauties

Carmen Ezell, Bethany Sharp, Lara Burt, Aly Burton, Jennifer Wyatt, Kim Faucette, Caylee Sullivan, Kelly Kight, Casey Cooper, Brittany White

Flashing her best grin, freshman Cortney Miller shines across stage as she impresses the judges. Cortney said, "The pageant was great. I was a little nervous at first, but once I was on stage, I felt better hearing the cheers of my friends and family."

sequins
butterflies
TIME TO SHINE
high heels & hairspray
memories
"Don't Be Nervous!"
ANTICIPATION
elegance
oh-so-handsome beaus
Showcasing Beauty
"SMILE!"
drop dead gorgeous
KODAK MOMENTS
moral support
catcalls and cheers
poise
PANEL OF JUDGES
who is your favorite?
Crown of Jewels
nervous chatter
STRIKE A POSE
Confidence is Key.

Nervousness was unknown to the boys of the pageant. Caleb Page, Kyle Barrett, Blake Hedrick, Justin Hurdle, and Jason Hurdle goofed off backstage making the atmosphere fun and energetic. Caleb explained, "As a guy, it was not about the competition or who was going to win. We all thought it would be the other guy, not ourselves."

Her jaw dropping with excitement, Casey Cooper looks on as her friends, Caylee Sullivan and Caleb Page, are announced as Most Beautiful and Most Handsome. Casey went on to say, "The pageant was a great experience in meeting new people and making new friends. It was also a great honor for me to place in the top five for two years."

After sipping water and reapplying more makeup, Lara Burt sits and waits patiently for her next turn in the . She, along with nine other contestants, was named to the Top Ten Beauties of the 2006 pageant.

Backstage in Newton Hall, the contestants listen carefully as they gather in groups to receive their instructions for appearing on stage.

a night of chills and thrills

Dancing to the rhythm of the beat, Centralettes Latrice Waters, Mykel Hoy, and Bethany Sharp are dressed to impress as they thrill the audience with the Michael Jackson themed performance.

What do you get when you combine a night of crazy costumes with a sneak peek at the Warrior basketball season? Haunted House of Hoops, of course.

East Central's SBA brought chills and thrills to campus this year when they brought back a fall tradition - Haunted House of Hoops on Halloween night. The night of basketball and free candy provided a great atmosphere for students, faculty, and community members to gather and guess the face behind the disguise. "Students showed a ton of Warrior pride by drastically changing their appearances for the night. It was very challenging figuring out each person in costume," said SBA secretary Chasidy Smith

The night began with an intrasquad game played by the Lady Warriors. They showed their fancy footwork while stealing the ball from the opponent and making those stunning three point shots that wowed the crowd. The Centralettes provided a 'thrilling' performance that Michael Jackson would be proud of, and finally, the men's basketball team stole the spotlight, as they showed off their dunking skills.

After snacking on hot wings and ice cold cokes, the night came to a close. With many laughs had and memories made, Haunted House of Hoops proved once again to be a great success, introducing the student body to the Warrior basketball teams and providing a fun night to ease the stress of classes.

~ Megan Thomas

As the shrill sound of the whistle is heard, Lady Warriors Andrea Dubose and Beverly Hutchinson leap towards the ceiling as they outstretch their arms to gain possession of the ball.

With smiles and surprised faces, Amber Eaves and Valerie Johnson were greeted with free candy from SBA members Suzanne Henry, Julie Gaines, and Hannah Luke. Students were given goodie bags filled with candy and also given the chance to register for door prizes.

Chatting it up in her costume, this mystery witch laughs with members of the Warrior basketball team as they load plates up with spicy hot wings and ice cold drinks. Valley Food Services provided appetizing snacks to feed the starving players and crowd.

Determined to make the basket, Earnesto Green reaches for the sky as he slams the ball through t he net. Exciting shots like this were witnessed throughout the night by the wowed crowd.

Determined to wrap his hands around the ball, Caleb Cochran maintains focus on his fingertip catch. Plays like this led to an intramural championship for Voo Doo II.

Who says the man has no moves? Voo Doo II stand-out Zac Richardson looks for the first down while teammate Cory Burns jumps in anxiousness as 601 Boy Lashawn Houston comes up from the side.

In the midst of a high-speed chase, Chris Reed still manages to give his opponents, Brad McNichols and David Bender, a grin. Reed, a member of the 7 County All-Stars, said intramural football was a "fun experience."

Leaping to make the touchdown, Cam Gates goes airborne as he tries to avoid the double-team attack from 7 County All-star Caleb Hall and teammate Justin. Hall went on to say, "Intramural sports are fun. Being a transfer from MCC, it provided a great way for me to have fun making new friends while playing a sport I love."

Facused an a gain of yards, Lamar Truman tries ta outwit and outrun Vaa Daa II's David Phillips, Brent Blackwell, and Caty Vandevender.

Fun, fellowship, and lots of tough competition: these were the highlights of intramural sports at East Central. Through EC's intramural program, students found their niche in individual sports like pool or team sports like softball or volleyball.

Students enjoyed a wide variety of sports, but there was no doubt that intramural football ruled at EC. Teams played a season of vigorous competition, each team with a loyal following of fans cheering them on fall afternoons. When the smoke cleared, Voodoo II came out on top as 2006 champions.

Like most of the intramural players, Voodoo II team member Brandon Womble loved playing. He said, "The competition was great, and it was also a great time for me and my friends to hang out."

He especially enjoyed his team's chance to play the intramural football champs from Holmes Community College. Womble added, "Though we came up short, it was fun and a blast to represent EC as champions."

Fun, fellowship, and lots of tough competition: intramural sports gave EC students all this and more.

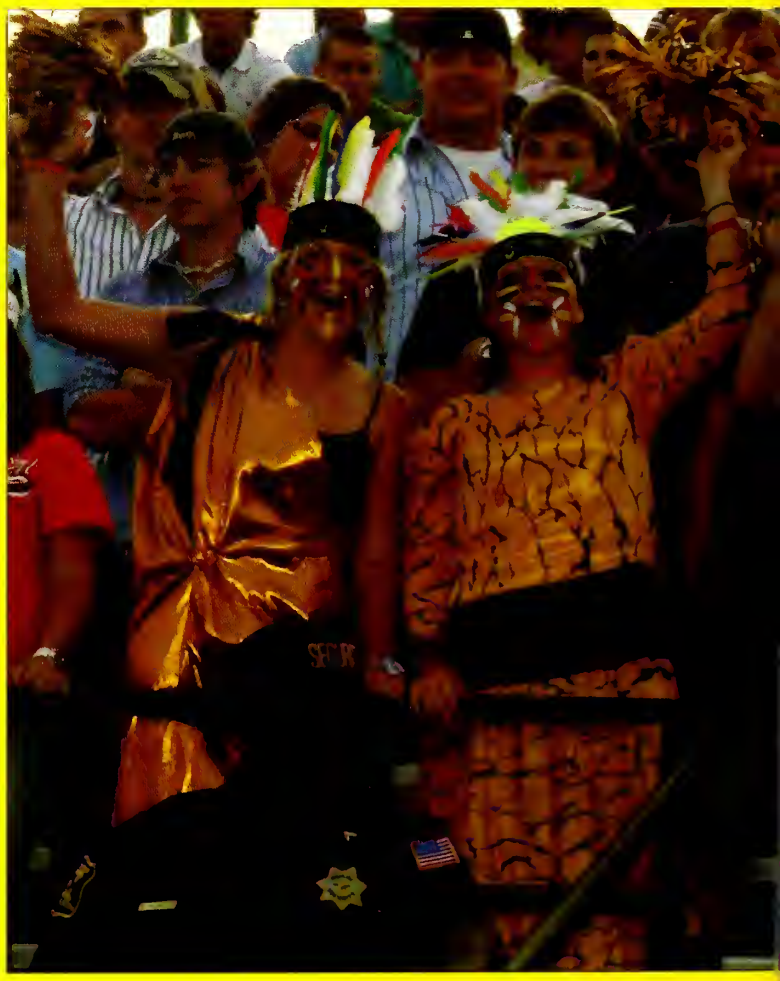
~Cody Eure

fun, fellowship, and competition

Warriors supporting Warriors: EC's baseball team braved the cold to paint themselves in a show of spirit at EC's football game vs. Mississippi Delta, asking "Delta Who?"

To show off their inner Warriors, Chelsea Brown, Maggie McDill, Sarah James, and Brittney Harper decked themselves out in black and gold costumes, complete with colorful headdresses. Add a quote here and uses the blue word in it - word

With enthusiastic smiles, Loren Kennedy and Adam Brown keep the pep rally crowd **pumped.** "Getting your Warrior on" was easy thanks to the spirited example of EC's cheerleaders.



EC's Warrior loses a shoe in a creative pep rally skit. Throughout the year, the Warrior played a key role in building school spirit. Add a quote here - use the blue word.

gettin' our warrior on goooo EC!

"Goooo EC!" Those familiar words spoken by Dr. Phil Sutphin at each pep rally could only mean one thing...It was time for players and fans to get their Warrior on!

EC pep rallies provided a great outlet to show Warrior spirit throughout the fall. Planned by the cheerleaders, each pep rally was an innovative mix of spirit raising activities - from students playing games, to upbeat cheers, to words of encouragement from Dr. Sutphin, coaches, and players. And who could forget the Wall O' Sound Band? Its music echoed across campus each Thursday, pumping up the crowd and adding flair to the pep rallies.

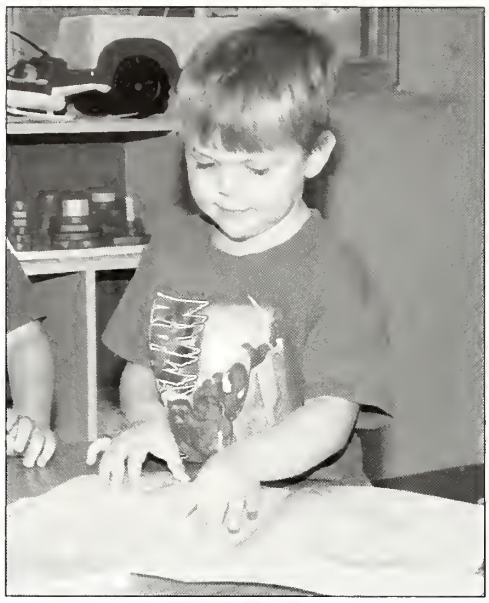
Spirit spilled over into game night with a new tradition of literally "getting your Warrior on" as students donned in colorful Warrior outfits filled the stands. And those not in costume proudly wore their "I'm a Warrior" shirts or even painted themselves in black and gold.

SBA vice-president Megan Thomas explained: "We wanted to do something different for our first year back in Warrior stadium. We decided to create a definite student section and encourage students to tangibly show their spirit."

"Goooo EC!" Those words ignited a spirit that lasted all year. Day-in and day-out, students got and kept their Warrior on!

~ Jennifer Sistrunk

With colorful pom-poms and Warrior headdresses, Jennifer Sistrunk and Amanda Schmidt have definitely got their Warrior on!



Having fun while he is learning. Grant McLeod, son of Maria McLeod, plays a matching game.

ec's children: simple and carefree

Childhood: it's a simple, carefree time. Though we have passed that stage of life, we at EC have our own set of children to bring back fond memories and brighten our lives. They are the children of the EC Child Care Center, and they give the college many things.

First, they provide students majoring in child development the opportunity to observe firsthand how children grow, behave, and learn. They give these students experience in what it means to love and care for children. The children also give to the rest of us at EC. They cheer for the cheerleaders and sports teams at pep rallies, and they give all of us something to smile about as we see them on the many walks they take across campus. They are always ready with a grin and a friendly wave "Hello."

The children get something from EC, too. Since most of them are children of faculty, staff, and students, they get the opportunity to be near Mommy or Daddy. They get also a great preschool experience. Their parents are winners, too, because they can visit any time and they don't have to worry about the care their kids are getting.

The children brighten campus life and take us back to a simpler time. EC would not be the same without them.

~ Even Snell

A fall hayride has become a fun tradition for EC's Child Care Center. Excited and ready to go, the kids smile and wave goodbye as they take off on their morning adventure.

Faithful participants at each fall pep rally, the children of the Child Care Center prove one is never to young to get his Warrior on! The kids showed true Warrior spirit - smiling, clapping, and even dancing with the band.

Facusing an the cameraman is nat a priority far Kollin Razni, Ben Dearing, Grant McLead, Baleigh Brawn, McKinley Gregary, and Myla Sanders as they praudly display the ornaments of snawmen, reindeer, and Christmas trees they made during class time. The kids not only made the arnaments but alsa gat to help decorate the Christmas tree in the labby af Huff Auditorium.

One of EC's littlest Warriars, Jeremiah Lyons, son of Frederick Lyons, gives Christa Rabinsan a sweet, simple smile that brightens her day and makes her job worthwhile.

the highlight of spring

What was easily the highlight of spring 2006 at EC? Spring Spree! "Spring Spree let students have a lot of fun before exam time kicked in," explained instructor Kevin Ryals, sponsor of the winning team - The Anacondas.

Students formed a record number thirteen teams, and the week started out with a three day volleyball tournament that filled the afternoons with sand and sunburns.

On Thursday, teams gathered on the football field decked out in kelly green t-shirts ready for the random relay games to begin. The games ranged from a three-legged sack race to the amoeba race, where the entire team linked arms and tried to move as one. "The worst game was having to eat the remains of a banana that had been squished under everyone's arms," said Mandy Dennis. Chelsea Brown argued, "I loved having squished banana in my armpit. It was great!"

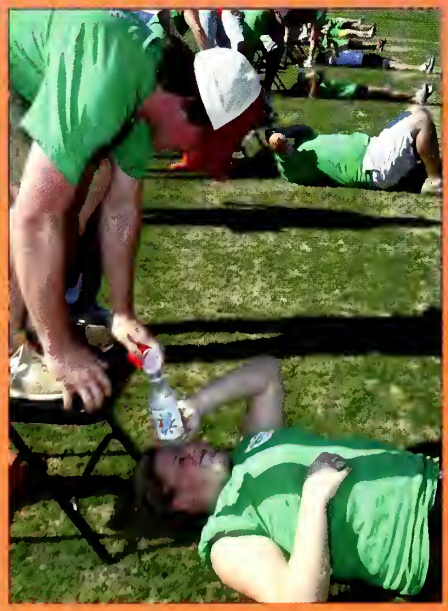
After the games were over and the winning team was announced, students enjoyed the traditional crawfish boil. Thousands of crawfish were devoured in less than an hour.

Some advice for the 2007 games? Erik Alexander wanted everyone to know, "Running barefoot makes you a lot faster!" Megan Thomas added, "The best way to end the afternoon is to grab your best friends and roll down the huge hill behind Brackeen-Wood gym. It was the best memory of the entire week."

Anse Rigby thought that Spring Spree was "totally spree-tacular." Katie Corley agreed. "It was unlike anything I thought it would be. My freshman year was awesome, and Spring Spree was the perfect finale."

~ Megan Thomas

Members of the Pink Flamingoes, Tommy Harthcock, Casey Cooper, and Keith Edwards watch as Madison Brantley steps through the hula hoop that has been passed by Jason Hurdle and Brittney Harper. Casey said, "The hula hoop game was crazy hectic! It was hard trying to get your whole body through it without breaking hands."



As she is drenched by teammate Erik Alexander, Carol Creel shuts her eyes tightly to keep the water out. Their team, the Lucky Charms, came in fourth in the Spring Spree games.

Already out of breath from running and racing against time, Abby Miller struggles to quickly blow up a balloon while her fellow teammates are preparing for the challenge. This event was one of the hardest of the Spring Spree games.

In the popular amoeba race, Mykel Hoy, Neal Hall, Sarah James, Cory Burns, Misty Mayes, and the rest of the Hot Tamales struggle to keep their arms locked and their shoes on. Very few teams were able to remain one "organism."

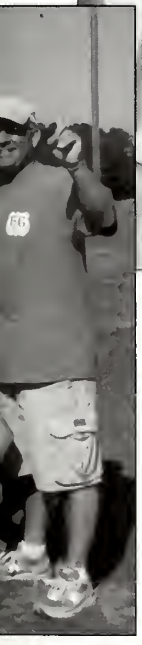
Rounding the pylon with speed, Kevin Gregory and Danyell Taylor show that three legs are just as good as two as they race toward the finish line. Their team, the Anacondas, were victorious in both this race and the entire games. "My motto for the week was 'Dare to be great!'" said Danyell. "I lived by that and think that is what helped us to win."

Inspecting her crawfish, Sherrell Brown is ready to dig in while friends Deidre Yarbrough and Jessica Cager are eyeing what they want next. Over 300 students and faculty enjoyed the evening meal of crawfish, potatoes, and corn on the cob.

Pacing himself for the ball, Michael Gregorys yells, "I got it!" as his teammates watch in anticipation. The three day volleyball tournament allowed students to come together and show that teamwork makes the dream work.

"We Are the Champions" - well, not of the world but of the Spring Spree games at least. The Anacondas raced, rallied, and fought over opponents. The team consisted of Ashley Channell, Allison McDaniel, Jessica Shannon, Joy Cavenaugh, Josh Denson, Kevin Gregory, David Frey, Danyell Taylor, Jon Cole, Ben McCurdy, Abby Miller, Lee Blackburn, and coach Kevin Ryals.

Gritting her teeth with determination, Clancy Cleveland watches as teammate David Phillips sends the ball over the net - backwards!



Clearing the whipped cream from her eyes, Molly Talbot smiles as she realizes she's been gotten good. Molly escaped the pie game "whipped-cream free," but a teammate made sure she got just as messy as everyone else.

Spring Spree by the Numbers

900 lbs
of crawfish

48
volleyball players

10
games played by

204
participants

= 1,162

Megan Thomas Anse Rigby

Colby Amis Kevin Ryals

Joshua Skinner

Maggie McDill, Casey Cooper

Betcha Can't Do It Like Me

ALL WE DO IS REPRESENT . . .

Each year, certain students shine through and stand out from the crowd. These select students are all unique in their own ways, but they share one common characteristic - they have all been recognized for showing strong character. And though they do many things well, they'd never be caught saying, "Betcha can't do it like me." No, the students honored in this section are not here for their pride but for the way they represent this college.

Honors at East Central can be categorized many ways. Elections are held throughout the year to pick certain positions such as Mr. and Miss EC and the Homecoming Court. They spots are usually held by members of the student body who are well liked and respected by their peers. The student body also elects class favorites and members of the Student Body Association.

Honor is also given to the students who demonstrate strong academic ability, contribute to campus life, and are respected by the faculty. These special students receive the highest reward of all by being inducted into the EC Hall of Fame. Students possessing these strong characteristics can also be selected into Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

These honorary students represent the best of EC. They are sure to continue developing character throughout their college years and to make an impact wherever they go. They are in perfect position to say, "Betcha can't do it like me!" - but, of course, they never would.

HONORS

mr. and miss ECCC

Anse Rigby

Funny, outgoing, genuine - these are just a few words that describe Anse Rigby, who has been honored by his classmates as Mr. ECCC 2007. He is the son of Bill Rigby of Forest and the late Regina Rigby. Known on campus as a friendly guy who doesn't meet a stranger, Anse is a gifted musician. He is a two-year member of Ac'cents and the Baptist Student Union Praise Band, sharing his talent both as a vocalist and guitar player. Anse served as a manager for the Lady Warrior soccer team and is as a member of Warrior Corps. He has also earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in scouting. Anse plans to pursue a career in nursing. His advice to his fellow Warriors: "Go after your dreams no matter how far away they seem . . . you will receive joy just knowing you gave it a shot."

Megan Thomas

Megan Thomas always wears a smile. That's just one of the reasons her classmates have chosen her as Miss ECCC 2007. A speech pathology major, she is the daughter of Debora Thomas of Forest and Jim and Terri Thomas of Pelahatchie. In her two years at East Central, Megan's energetic and outgoing personality has earned her the friendship and respect of her peers. Before naming her as Miss ECCC, they selected her as freshman class favorite and SBA vice president. Megan is an active member of the Baptist Student Union Council, the BSU drama team, SADD, President's Council, Wesley Foundation, and Warrior Corps. In addition, she was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges and served as editor of the 2007 Wo-He-Lo. Megan has this advice for her fellow Warriors: "Live your life and take chances. Dare to dream and always trust in the Lord because He will take care of you."

Colby Amis

"Colby is a friendly, outgoing student who excels both in the classroom and outside the classroom . . . . He possesses an impeccable character and a strong work ethic. . . . Colby is the finest representation of what ECCC should stand for."

Colby Amis, son of George and Cheryl Amis of Decatur, is a graduate of Newton County High School. A pre-dentistry major, he has maintained a 4.0 GPA at East Central. His academic honors include recognition as a President's List Scholar and a Warrior Scholar Athlete, membership in Phi Theta Kappa, and selection to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. He was also named to the J. C. Gridwire Scholar/Athlete All American Team in football and was selected HEADWAE Student of the Year for 2006/2007. Colby balances academic success with athletic and musical pursuits. He plays football and golf and is a vocalist for the Collegians. In football, he received the 2006 Offensive Team Captain Award and was named Honorable Mention All-State for both the 2005 and 2006 seasons. Colby was chosen Most Handsome as a freshman and was honored by his classmates as sophomore class favorite. He is also a member of the Warrior Corps and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. An obviously well-rounded young man, Colby is known as an exemplary student and a strong leader.

Steven Cullen

"Steven is an extremely versatile young man . . . . He is especially intelligent and hard working, has a broad range of interests, and is very involved in campus life. . . . In leadership roles, Steven is encouraging and creative, and he loves to see projects accomplished."

Steven Cullen is a computer science major from Carthage. He is a graduate of Carthage High School and is the son of Allen and Monica Cullen. A Dean's List Scholar, he holds membership in both Phi Theta Kappa and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Steven is a true campus leader, serving as president of both Phi Theta Kappa and Mu Alpha Theta as a sophomore and president of EC Environmental Club as a freshman. He is an active member of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, Baptist Student Union, and Wesley Foundation. He is also a prominent member of the EC Players, playing a key role in four productions. As a freshman, Steven served on the *Wo-He-Lo* staff and was a Scholar's Bowl team member. He was also the 2006 recipient of the Ann H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship, the Shelby L. Harris Memorial Scholarship, the EC Environmental Award, and the EC Players Award. Steven is a friendly, accomplished student who has made a definite impact during his career at East Central.

Loren Kennedy

"Loren has maintained a 4.0 GPA while being involved in numerous campus activities. . . . She is a goal-oriented young lady who will be very successful in life. . . . Loren also exhibits very high moral values."

Loren Kennedy is the daughter of Eric and Tamara Kennedy and is a graduate of Union High School. A liberal arts major with a 4.0 GPA, she is a President's List Scholar and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Loren has been recognized as a leader by her peers: she was chosen freshman class treasurer, sophomore class president, president of both Students against Destructive Decisions and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, vice-president of the President's Council, and captain of EC's cheerleading squad. She was also honored as sophomore class favorite. Loren is a student athlete; she is a two-year cheerleader and plays on the Lady Warrior softball team. Her membership in the Warrior Corps, Baptist Student Union, and the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi completes what has been an outstanding career at East Central. A young woman of strong character, Loren is a fitting member of EC's Hall of Fame.

Maggie McDill

"Since she arrived at EC, Maggie has fully delved into every aspect of campus life and maintained a 4.0 GPA while doing so. . . . She is a smart, articulate student who cares for others. . . . Maggie has an outstanding personality which will help her succeed in future endeavors."

A graduate of Newton County High School, Maggie McDill is the son of Ellen Upton and Randy McDill of Decatur. This pre-dentistry major has maintained a 4.0 GPA and is a President's List Scholar. She is a Warrior Scholar/Athlete and was named to the 2005 NJCAA National Academic Team of the Year. She is also a member of both Phi Theta Kappa and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Maggie was selected by her classmates as class president her freshman year and as Student Body Association president and Homecoming Queen her sophomore year. She is a member of the Lady Warrior soccer and tennis teams. In soccer, Maggie was selected to the MACJC All-State Soccer Team in 2005 and was the 2006 recipient of the Most Valuable Player and Team Captain Awards. Maggie also served as cheerleader her freshman year. She is active in Warrior Corps, President's Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Baptist Student Union. As a student, athlete, and campus leader, Maggie has given much to East Central.

Joshua Skinner

Joshua is highly motivated, intelligent, and extremely dependable . . .
He is a quiet young man with a very big heart. . . .
Joshua is a person of integrity, compassion, and scholarship
who provides a positive example for all students.

Joshua Skinner, son of Louis and Donna Skinner of Union, is a home-school graduate. A pre-medical major with a 4.0 GPA, he is a President's List Scholar and a member of Phi Theta Kappa, serving as PTK's Public Relations Officer his sophomore year. He was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and also received the 2006 Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology Science Award. Joshua is a talented photographer who has won awards for his work, which has been exhibited in EC's Burton Library. He also served as staff photographer for the 2007 Wo-He-Lo. Joshua is an active member of EC Environmental Club, Students against Destructive Decisions, and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau. He is active in his community as well, volunteering his time for Relay for Life, highway cleanup, the American Cancer Society, and Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Well-liked by his teachers and his peers, Joshua has been a positive presence on campus during his EC career.

Victor Warnsley

"Victor is a compassionate, caring young man who demonstrates a willingness to serve others. . . . He is a highly intelligent and dedicated student who is never without an insightful idea. . . . Victor is a natural leader with a strong work ethic who takes his responsibilities seriously."

A graduate of Morton High School, Victor Warnsley is the son of Helen Johnson and the late Victor C. Warnsley. This business administration major is a Dean's List Scholar, National Dean's List Scholar, member of both Phi Theta Kappa and Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, and winner of the 2006 L. B. Simmons History Award. A strong, natural leader, Victor is president of Warrior Corp, EC Business Club, and Young Democrats; in addition, he is vice-president of Students against Destructive Decisions and vice-president of Scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa. Victor led the "PTK Tackles the Coast" project and has been a representative at numerous leadership conferences. He also received PTK's Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership. Victor is a member of EC Environmental Club, Phi Beta Lambda, the Tom-Tom staff, the Wo-He-Lo staff, and EC's Scholar's Bowl team. One of the most active students on campus, Victor is a goal-oriented, focused young man who has definitely made his mark at East Central.

class favorites

Daniel Pilgrim
Kim Cleveland
Colby Amis
Tiffany Boyd
Delynn Agee
Caleb Page
Charleigh Alford

Not Pictured:
Loren Kennedy
Zac Richardson
Jacob Thames

sophomores

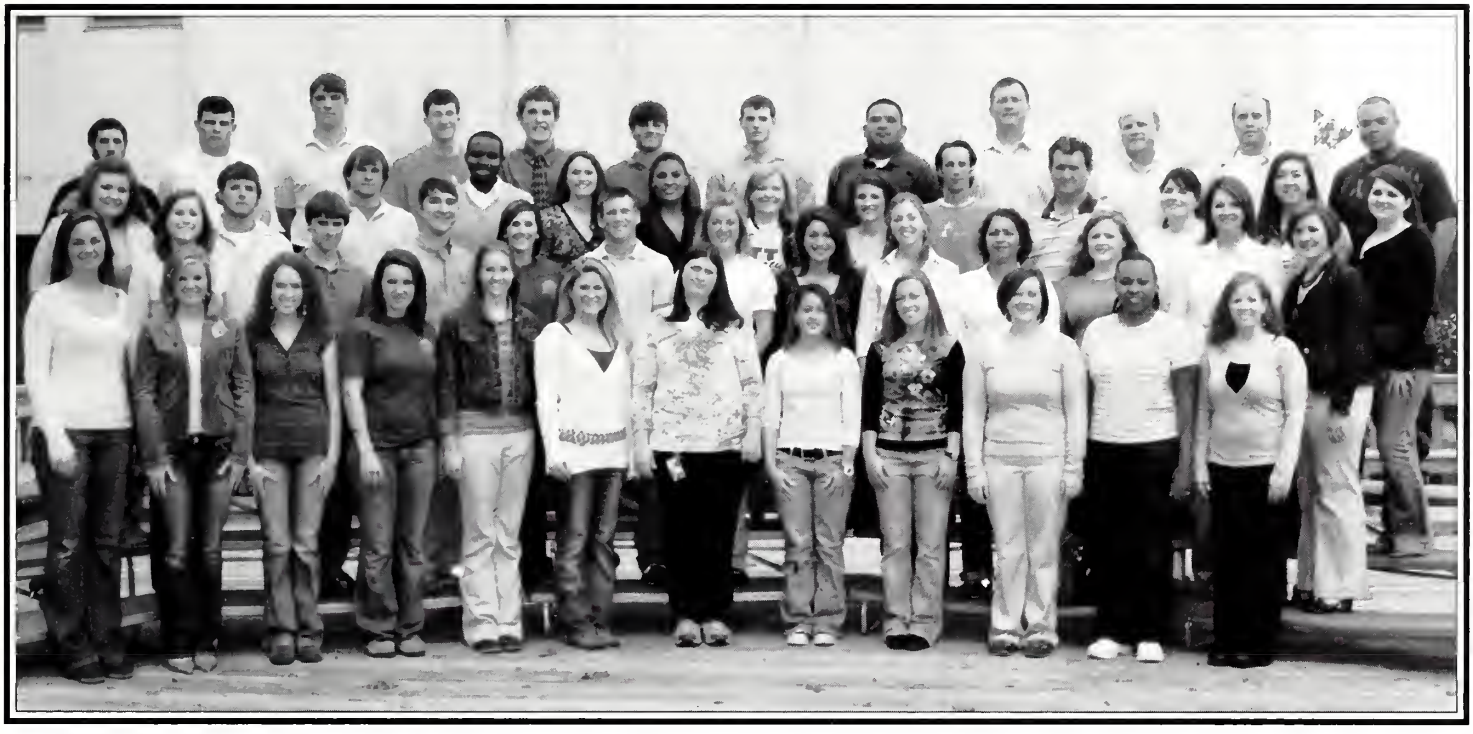
Skye Tindall
Maegan Johnston
Kentoreya Howard
Kaleb Rice
Marty Boatner

Not Pictured:
Nichole Ball

freshmen

who's who
among students in american junior colleges

Students selected for this prestigious honor based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. These sophomores join an elite group of students from more than 1,400 institutions of higher learning in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and several foreign nations.



Row 1: Elizabeth Jackson, Casey Cooper, Hannah Luke, Rebecca Myers, Kim Cleveland, Morgan Milling, Shelee' Hurtt, Kristina Moore, Loren Kennedy, Joni Mitchell, Lashondra Bradford, Lauren Estes. **Row 2:** Rachel McElhenney, Justin Harrell, Clanton Blaylock, Sarah James, David Harmond, Chelsea Brown, Maggie McDill, Amanda Schmidt, Zoie Hardy, Amanda Miles, Glenda Cater, Krista Chaney. **Row 3:** Megan Thomas, Mitch Rogers, Erik Alexander, Victor Warnsley, Rebecca Rogers, Delynn Agee, Carol Creel, Jessi McDaniel, Josh Graham, Tony Gannon, Brittany Alexander, Morgan Stringer, Chasidy Smith. **Row 4:** Jess Dilley, Joe Buntyn, Caleb Page, Steven Cullen, Joshua Skinner, Lee Blackburn, Jordan Robinson, Frank Dixon, Shannon Davis, Donny Massey, Ryan Loper, Tavarius Walker.

student body *president*

Leadership comes naturally to Student Body Association president Maggie McDill. She held leadership positions at Newton County High School and served as freshman class president at EC in 2005-2006. As the leading student officer on campus, McDill works with other members of SBA to plan and implement activities for EC's students. She says, "SBA is a great organization that runs well. It's been hard to improve on something that is already so good, but we've done our best to give students fun activities to enjoy."

sba *officers*

Maggie McDill
President

Megan Thomas
Vice President

Kim Cleveland
Secretary

Chasidy Smith
Treasurer

sophomore officers

Loren Kennedy
President

Brittany Barfield
Vice President

Caleb Page
Secretary

Hanna Luke
Treasurer

freshman officers

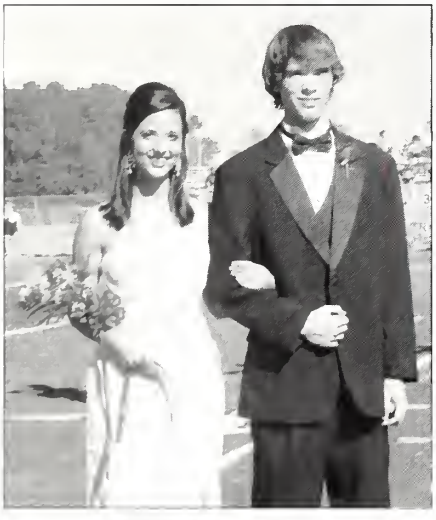
Chelsey Vincent
President

Dru Anderson
Vice President

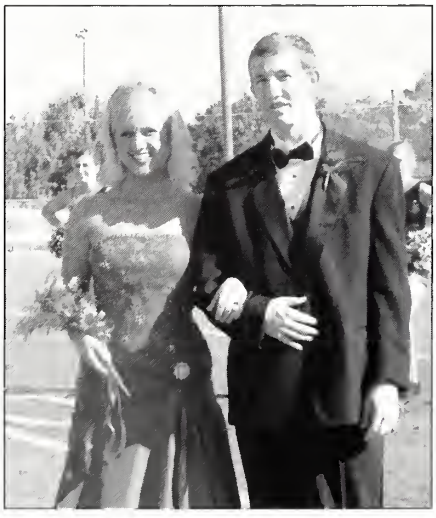
Julie Gaines
Secretary

Suzanne Henry
Treasurer

'06 homecoming court



Freshman Maid
Dru Anderson
Escort: Tommy Harthcock



Freshman Maid
Carmen Ezell
Escort: Jonathan Worrell

Freshman Maid
Cortney Miller
Escort: Chauncey Hudson

Homecoming Queen ~ *Maggie McDill*

Escort: Sam McDill

Maid of Honor

Casey Cooper

Escort: Paul McMillin

Sophomore Maid

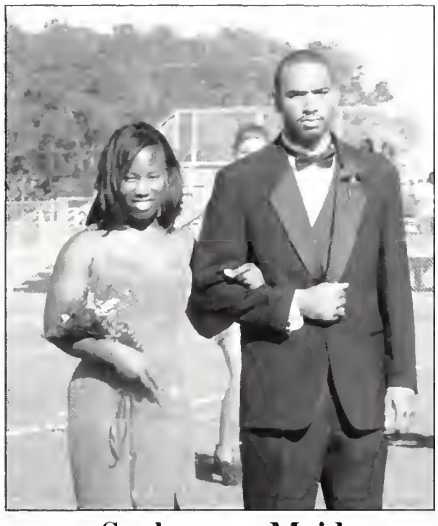
Sarah James

Escort: Daniel Pilgrim

Freshman Maid

Jordan Taylor

Escort: Blake Hedrick



Sophomore Maid

Brittany Barfield

Escort: Roderic Hodge

Sophomore Maid

Kim Cleveland

Escort: Jay Jayroe

headwae honorees

Colby Amis ***Kevin Ryals***

Kevin Ryals and Colby Amis are East Central's 2006-2007 HEADWAE honorees.

Ryals, a speech instructor and co-advisor for SADD, has been an ECCC faculty member since 2004. He holds a bachelor's degree in communication management from Mississippi State University and a master's degree in speech communication from the University of Southern Mississippi. Ryals is not only an effective instructor; he is also a popular, outgoing teacher whom students consider a friend.

Amis, a President's List scholar, is a sophomore pre-dentistry major with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and served in the Warrior Corps his freshman year. A member of the Warrior football and golf teams, he received honorable mention All-State honors and was named first-team Academic All American in football. Amis serves as a vocalist for the Collegians. He was selected "most handsome" as a freshman and was named to *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.*

lamplighters

Christy Ferguson
business technology

Teresa Boykin
associate degree nursing

Sylvia Wright
mathematics

Dr. Chris Jenkins
choir/vocal music

Susan Fox-Smith
psychology

Billy Miles
physics

These teachers represented East Central at the 2006 Lamplighter Conference, which recognizes the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors.

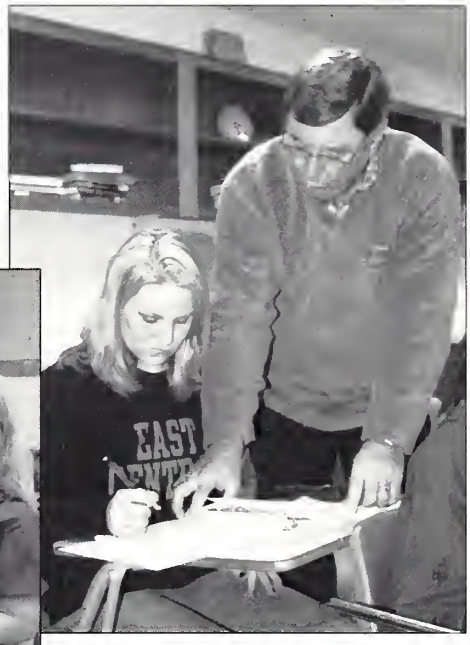
instructors of the year

Haywood Reeves

Lee Ann Shirley

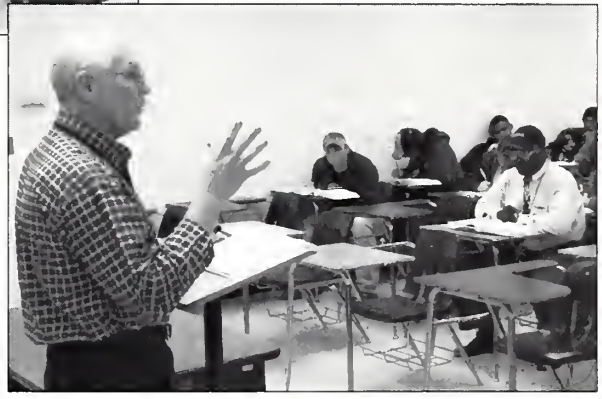
Tony Kinton

Academic Instructor of the Year for 2006 is Haywood Reeves. A mathematics instructor whose career as an educator spans over thirty years, Reeves is known as a tough but dedicated teacher who enjoys interacting with students and cares about their success. He says, "I try to impress upon my students that we have a common goal in their being successful." This is not the first time Reeves has been honored for his dedication as a teacher. He was twice selected as STAR teacher at Forest High School and has been selected as a Lamplighter and Headwae honoree at EC.



Lee Ann Shirley is Career-Technical Instructor of the Year for 2006. As a surgical technologist at Riley Hospital in Meridian, Shirley always enjoyed helping students who came to the hospital for clinicals. She says she "jumped at the chance" to come to EC as an instructor to help those same students in the classroom, adding, "It is a dream come true." Career highlights for Shirley include her work in the Labor and Delivery part of the hospital, but her work with students is equally gratifying. Shirley notes, "I want all of my students to succeed. I love seeing their knowledge and skills grow."

Mr. Tony Kinton is honored as Humanities Instructor of the Year for 2006. In addition to teaching composition and literature, he is a professional writer, primarily in the outdoor field. He has published four books and more than 1,500 articles in state, regional and national magazines. His writing assignments have taken him to practically every part of the United States, four Canadian provinces, Honduras, and the Republic of South Africa. Kinton says, "Teaching and writing represent who and what I am. Individually, they represent my life's goals. Collectively, they represent fulfilled dreams. God has truly blessed."



YOU AND ME

AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE...

"East Central is just like high school all over again." --FALSE

"It's going to be (insert your school name here)'s 13th grade!" --FALSE

"You are going to meet so many new people and make so many lifelong friends." --TRUE

Does any of this sound familiar? Everyone has probably heard the familiar criticisms time and time again, but with just over 2,400 students on the Decatur campus, they have always proved false. However, the fact remains that students are always meeting new people and making lifelong friends. New faces are seen everywhere, whether it be while walking to class or while eating in the grill. They might be unfamiliar at first, but by the end of the year, that person could be your new best friend.

Assumptions are usually made about East Central being so small, but surprisingly, it has evolved into a bustling community college. And who gets the credit? You and me and all of the people...

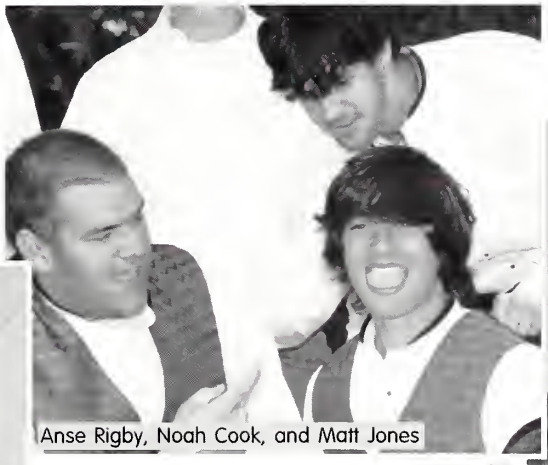
Black, yellow, purple, white, or green. Thick, thin, scrawny, sweet, and mean. We have them in every variety, and that is exactly what makes East Central so unique. There might be two people on campus with the same name, but it is almost guaranteed they will be nothing alike. One could be an art major from Indiana, while the other person could be a zoology major from Union. There are no carbon copies on this campus.

What would EC be without the athletes that thrive on game day? What would EC be without the honor students who excel in organic chemistry? What would EC be without the girls of Barber Hall who have sleepovers with their best friends every night of the week? What would EC be without the third year "super" sophomores or the stay-at-home moms who want to further their education?

What would EC be without you and me and all of the people...?

PEOPLE

Chasidy Smith, Megan Thomas, Mandy Holdiness



Anse Rigby, Noah Cook, and Matt Jones

Andrew Harrington

Mr. William Miles

board of trustees

"On this board, we are all Warriors who are proud to be a part of East Central. We consider the students our fellow Warriors and work hard to make EC a place where they can gain the knowledge and skills they need for the next step in life."

~ Prentice Copeland
Board President

Though its presence is not always noticed, EC's Board of Trustees is definitely at work. Made up of varied members from the five county area this college primarily serves, the Board is a diverse group of Warriors who care about East Central and its students. They are bound together with the common goal to make good things happen at this college.

Meeting each month, the Board of Trustees functions as a legislative body, developing policies and approving the means to implement these policies. They work closely with the president and other administrators to see that EC moves in a positive direction.

The Warriors on the Board of Trustees are first-rate people. They faithfully serve, often behind the scenes, and the future of East Central is in good hands.

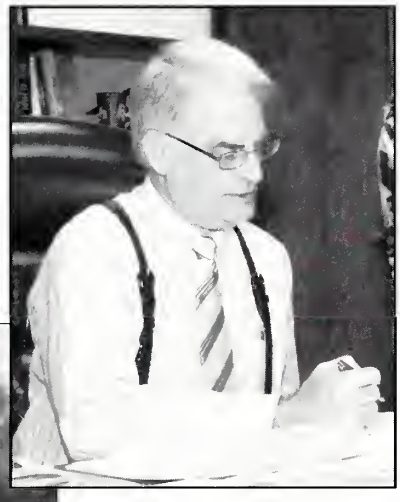
~ Jennifer Sistrunk

Row 1: Rebecca Farris, Morton; William E. Kitchings, Carthage; Prentice Copeland (chairman), Philadelphia; Beverly Hart, Union; Melanie Hartley (Leake County Supt. of Education), Carthage; Patsy Clark, Louisville. **Row 2**: Annie Stowers, Forest; Ken Pouncey, Decatur; Frank McCurdy (Scott County Supt. of Education), Morton; Harry Kemp (Supt., Louisville Municipal School District); Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth, Lake; Royce Shaw (secretary), Forest; Alan Rhea, Carthage; Vernon Crotwell, Morton. **Row 3**: Bill Thames, Newton; Edsel Cliburn, Union; Pat Cleveland, Tuscaloosa; W. B. Jones, Walnut Grove; David Byars, Philadelphia; Jack Winstead (vice chairman), Lawrence; Randal Livingston, Louisville; Ricky Goldman, Philadelphia. **Not pictured**: Janie Williams and Dr. Kinsey O. Cooper, both of Carthage; Eddie Willis and V. C. Manning (Neshoba County Supt. of Education), both of Philadelphia; Dr. Danny Lanier, Little Rock; Jerry Nance and Jeanne Hudson, both of Louisville; and Leo Parker, Novapater.

President
Dr. Phil Sutphin

No one "gets his Warrior on" better than the leader of this college, Dr. Phil Sutphin. That's because he IS a Warrior - day in and day out. Whether he's working in his office overseeing the success of this college or supporting students at a ballgame or pep rally, Dr. Sutphin is an example of what a Warrior should be.

For him, a Warrior is one who has a positive vision for East Central and who works to make goals a reality. Dr. Sutphin has done just that. Knowing the value a good community college has to the area it serves, he has focused on the growth of EC, and through his leadership the college has seen the expansion of courses and programs, the beautification of the campus, and the construction of new facilities.



And his work is not just behind the scenes. Dr. Sutphin is a visible president, readily seen at campus events lending support to the faculty and students he leads.

When asked what it means to "get your Warrior on," one student replied, "I never quite feel more like a Warrior than when Dr. Sutphin talks to us at a pep rally and then ends with 'GOOOOO EC!'" Dr. Sutphin leads by example. Students know that he has his Warrior on, and they are inspired to do the same.

~ Megan Thomas

Warrior spirit and enthusiasm for the activities at EC are vital to me. First and foremost, we are a learning community, but we also provide a wide variety of opportunities that go beyond the classroom. All of these choices, however, have learning at their core. As president, I take very seriously the total program of the College and seek every opportunity to promote each activity. GOOOO EC!

administrative council

"As an administrator who loves this college and its students, I always have my Warrior on. I want students to look back on their days as EC Warriors as some of the greatest years of their lives. I know I do."

~ Joe Killens

Nothing of significance can be successfully completed without careful planning and forethought. A song, for instance, cannot be completed without the hard work and determination of a composer. The composer is the one who has the musical know-how and foresight to envision the song before it comes to life. He is the one who carefully arranges the notes in a particular order so that those who play or sing the masterpiece will be able to understand the music's flow.

The same is true at East Central. This college has dedicated composers, members of EC's Administrative Council. These administrators have expertise in a variety of fields, and it is their know-how and vision that provide the background for the learning that takes place each day on this campus.

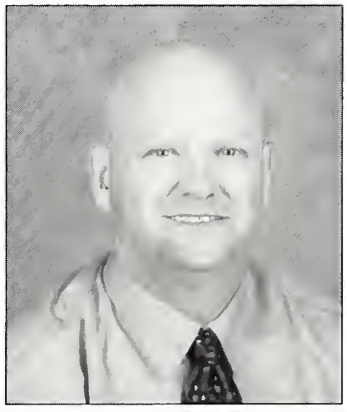
Made up of the president, vice presidents, other administrators, and division chairs, the Administrative Council authors and implements the college's strategic plan. Each week members meet to ensure that East Central is serving its students in the best way it can.

With this attention to details, the Administrative Council provides the notes needed for success. The composers come through for EC each day and help the music of campus life flow smoothly.

~Megan Thomas

Dr. Lavinia Sparkman
Vice President for Instruction

Mickey Vance
Vice President for Business Operations



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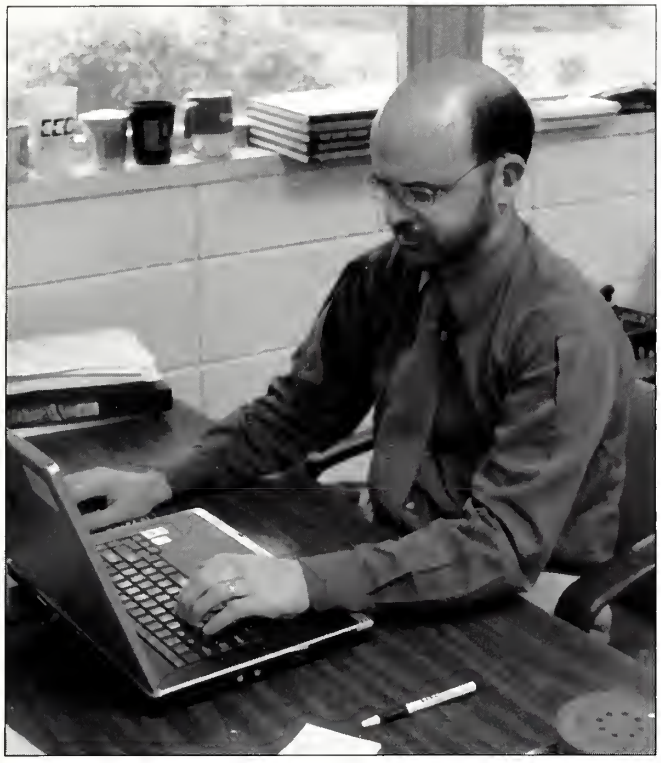
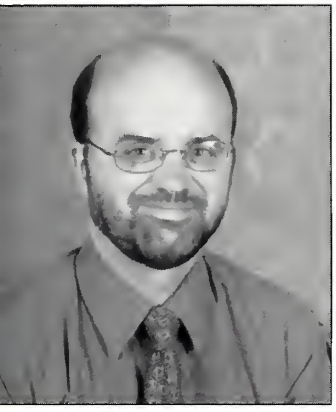
Bubby Johnston
Vice President for Public Information



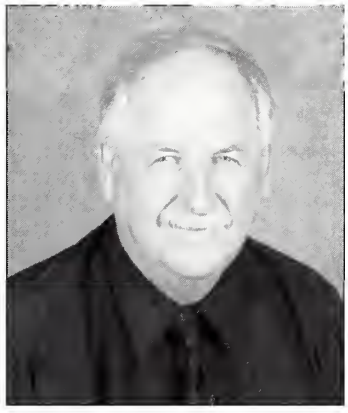
With complete concentration, David Case works on one of the many tasks involved in keeping EC's technology up-to-date.

Working closely with faculty is a key part of Dr. Lavinia Sparkman's day-to-day responsibilities. Below, Dr. Sparkman confers with English instructor Tony Kinton.



David Case
Director for Technology Management

Gene Davis
Dean of Adult and Continuing Education



Mike Dearing
Director of Maintenance

Wayne Eason
Dean of Career-Technical Instruction

Melanie Gilmore
Dean of Healthcare Education

Donna Luke
Director of Admissions, Records, and Research

Terry Underwood
Athletci Director / Head Football Coach

Roger Whitlock
Director of Workforce Development

faculty staff

If we think of going through life as writing a song, then how do we know which notes are right? How do we choose the words that fit best? How do we stay on key? That's the good thing about writing the songs that become our lives: we don't have to write them alone. We have people around us to keep us on track, to cheer us on, to lend a hand when we need it.

For the students at East Central, those people include the EC faculty and staff. Teachers not only provide valuable knowledge that will help students both now and in the future, but they also try to bring out the best in students, who will hopefully become more responsible and hard working, ready for the next step in life.

EC's staff members are equally important, working behind the scenes to make sure that campus life runs smoothly so that this "verse" of the students' "songs" can be written without too much frustration.

Writing a song that is melodious and meaningful isn't always easy. Thankfully, as EC students compose the songs that become their lives, they have the faculty and staff to help them along the way.

~ Megan Thomas

"Because East Central has played such a major role in my life, both as a student and as an instructor, I strive to instill a sense of Warrior pride in my students and to provide positive classroom experiences. Hopefully, students will form impressions that will last a lifetime and produce fond memories of their days as 'EC Warriors.'"

~ Linda Pierce
English Instructor

PTK advisor Deborah Hammons helps Nolan Gibson and Rebecca Rogers plant a tree as part of a beautification project on the campus of a Mississippi Gulf Coast school.

They've clearly "got the music" in them - Maria McLeod, Christy Savell, and Vicki Blaylock wow the crowd at the fall Collegians concert.

Michael Alexander, Academic Counselor
Joe Barrett, Workforce Dev. Coordinator
Jim Blackburn, Electronic Tech. Instructor
Vicki Blaylock, Keyboard / Music Instructor
Len Bobo, Keyboard / Music Instructor

Mary Boulton, Sociology Instructor
Maurice Bowie, Men's Basketball Coach
Deborah Boyd, English Instructor
Teresa Boykin, ADN Instructor
Jared Brownlee, Assistant Director of Bands

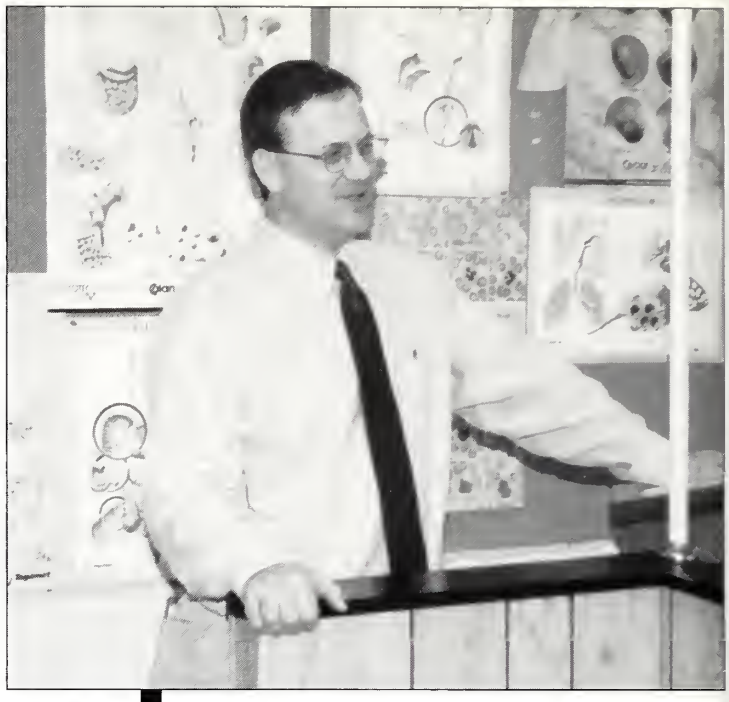
Brenda Carson, Financial Aid Director
Tom Carson, Music Instructor / Director of Bands
Paige Case, Yearbook Advisor
Rhonda Chandler, Child Care Attendant
James Clark, Electronic Tech. Instructor

Chris Clark, Workforce Dev. Coordinator
Peggy Clayton, Chemistry Instructor
Kelly Cluff, Computer Network Support Tech. Instructor
Sherry Craft, Business Office Clerk
Phillip Crenshaw, Social Science / History Instructor

Midge Davis, Secretary to the Dean of Adult and Continuing Education
Patti Davis, Biology Instructor
Stella Dickerson, Computer Tech. Instructor
Ann Durham, English Instructor
Chafony Evans, Child Care Attendant

Romonica Evans, Tech-Prep Career Center Director / Student Recruiter
John Everett, Electrical Tech. Instructor
Christy Ferguson, Business Tech. Instructor
Sue Ford, Mathematics Instructor
Susan Fox-Smith, Psychology Instructor

Kathy George, Early Childhood Ed. Instructor
Carol Germany, Administrative Assistant to the President
Conrad Germany,Collision Repair Tech. Instructor
Norman Gillis, Accountant II
Lisa Gorgas, ADN Instructor



never

forgotten

King Solomon said it well: *A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold* (Proverbs 22:1). Ron Davis had a *good name*; *loving favor* was certainly his.

Perhaps none of us can wish for more favor than to receive accolades from those who know us best. Ron's associates had no difficulty speaking praise for him, true praise that came from observation and experience. These individuals worked with Ron daily; their words are those of admiration, gratitude, respect:

~ Ron was the consummate teacher-as-learning facilitator, for his students and for his science staff. You would go to him with a question, and after a brief discussion, leave not only with the answer, but with the sense of satisfaction that you had figured it out yourself. – Peggy Clayton

~ As well as being a good friend, the bravest man I have even known, and perhaps the kindest, Ron Davis was the best boss I've ever had. – Billy Miles

~ Ron was a very empathetic and understanding teacher and colleague who treated everyone with respect. – Joe Johnson

~ Ron Davis was a person who always asked what he could do for you. He believed in what teaching was all about: the students and his peers. – Kim Hardy

Matt, Ron, and Patti Davis

~ Ron had a tremendous respect and love for his students and he took good care of his colleagues. He never just told us; he showed us. He led by example and you wanted to emulate him. Ron was an absolutely superb instructor who epitomized teaching. – Sharon LeJeune

Ron Davis gave unselfishly to his family, to his colleagues, and to his profession. This institution was privileged to have Ron on its faculty for 19 years. Many here will long recall his gentle manner and always-present smile. The loss of Ron Davis was great, but the memories are comforting. His impact was significant, and he will never be forgotten.

~ Tony Kinton

Christi Gregory, Career-Technical Counselor
Ruth Gregory, Business Tech. Instructor
Danny Gressett, Machine Shop Tech. Instructor
Bruce Guraedy, Art Instructor / Fine Arts Chair
Debbie Hammons, Computer Science Instructor

Lanette Hannah, Counselor
Kim Hardy, Biology Instructor
Chris Harris, Work-Based Learning Coordinator
Tina Harris, Workforce Development Center - Basic Skills Specialist
Ricky Harrison, Drafting and Design Tech. Instructor

Scott Hill, Softball Coach
Neal Holliman, Baseball Coach
Stacey Hollingsworth, Executive Director - ECCC Foundation / ECCC Alumni Association
Roberta Holt, Accounting Instructor
Wanda Hurley, Economics Instructor

Judy Hurtt, Business Tech. Instructor
Dr. Chris Jenkins, Distance Learning Coordinator / Choral/Vocal Music Instructor
Brenda Johnson, Computer Tech. Instructor
Brenda Johnson, Assistant Dorm Supervisor / Gospel Choir Director
Joe Johnson, Biology Instructor / Science Division Chair

Gerald Jordan, Welding Instructor
Terri Killens, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Instruction
Tony Kinton, English Instructor
Joseph Knight, Workforce Dev. Coordinator
Dr. Linda Lane, Spanish Instructor

Sharon LeJeune, Biology Instructor
Betsy Mann, ADN Instructor
Polly Mayes, Drafting and Design Tech. Instructor
Ora Mae McAdory, Dormitory Supervisor
Marcus McCool, Social Science Instructor

Linda McKee, Career-Technical Secretary
Maxine McKee, Sociology Instructor
Maria McLeod, Assistant to the Vice President for Public Information
Dr. Lisa McMillin, Comp. Science Instructor / Mathematics-Comp. Science Division Chair
Lori McMullan, Financial Aid Assistant

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William Miles, Physics Instructor
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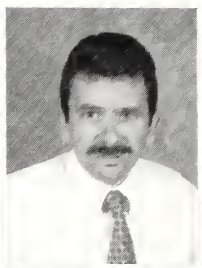
Derek Pace, Assistant Director for Technology Management
Linda Pierce, English Instructor / Communications Division Chair



Kristie Pilgrim, Surgical Tech. Instructor
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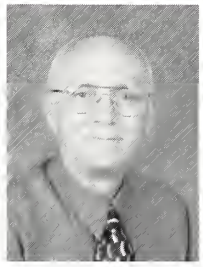
Joe Renaud, Workforce Development Center - Personal Development Specialist



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Robert Skipper, Biology Instructor
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Bill Smith, Women's Basketball Coach
Emilie Smith, Workforce Development Center Secretary
Katie Sparkman, Coordinator of Learning Skills and Testing Center
Sheila Stamper, Business Office Clerk
Maxine Sullivan, Dormitory Supervisor

Vivian Taylor, Library Secretary
Virgie Thames, Small Business Development Center Secretary
Kenneth Thompson, Mathematics Instructor
Laura Thorne, Accountant
Vickie Thorne, ADN Skills Lab Coordinator

Brent, Christi, and McKinley Gregory

Peggy Clayton

Jared Brown

Phillip Crenshaw, Tony Kinton

Carrie Underwood, Athletic Secretary
Jeannie Vance, Faculty Secretary
Blake Warren, Workforce Development Center - Productivity Enhancement Lab Trainer
Ronald Westbrook, Small Business Development Center Director
Lucretia Williams, Workforce Investment Act Coordinator

William Wilson, Heating and Air Conditioning Tech. Instructor
Gail Wood, Assistant Librarian
Mary Ann Wright, Child Dev. Tech. Instructor
Sylvia Wright, Mathematics Instructor
Karen Robertson Yates, Secretary to the Vice President for Public Information

freshmen

"For the life of me I cannot remember what made us think that we were wise and we'd never compromise. . . . We were merely FRESHMEN." -The Verve Pipe

At the beginning of our freshmen year, we were excited to be out on our own. We thought we knew everything we needed to know and that was it. College simply was going to consist of class, hanging out with friends, and maybe some studying later on.

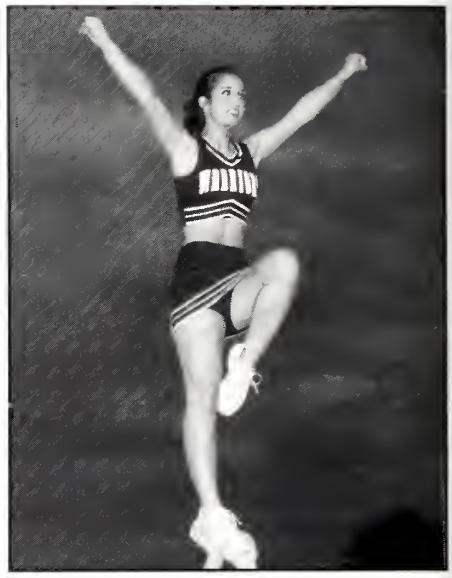
East Central proved us wrong. Our eyes and minds were soon opened to all the exciting things college life had in store for us. We jumped right into the activities of Welcome Back Week; we witnessed the Centralette initiation; we attended our first thrilling pep rally, followed by numerous football games as WARRIORS! We loved spending time in the dorm, participating in clubs, attending dances, sweating it out at afternoon practice, reading the new Tom-Tom, and dressing spooky for Haunted House of Hoops! In the spring came basketball games, *Spitfire Grill*, baseball and softball season, Spring Spree, and the list goes on.

And in the midst of it all, we found time to study and learn the things that would keep us moving forward. Our freshman year opened our eyes to the many wonders that college held for us - friends, learning, and, best of all, memories.

-Jennifer Sistrunk

"My first year at East Central - as a WARRIOR! - has allowed me to experience new friendships and taken me to new heights."

~ Dru Anderson



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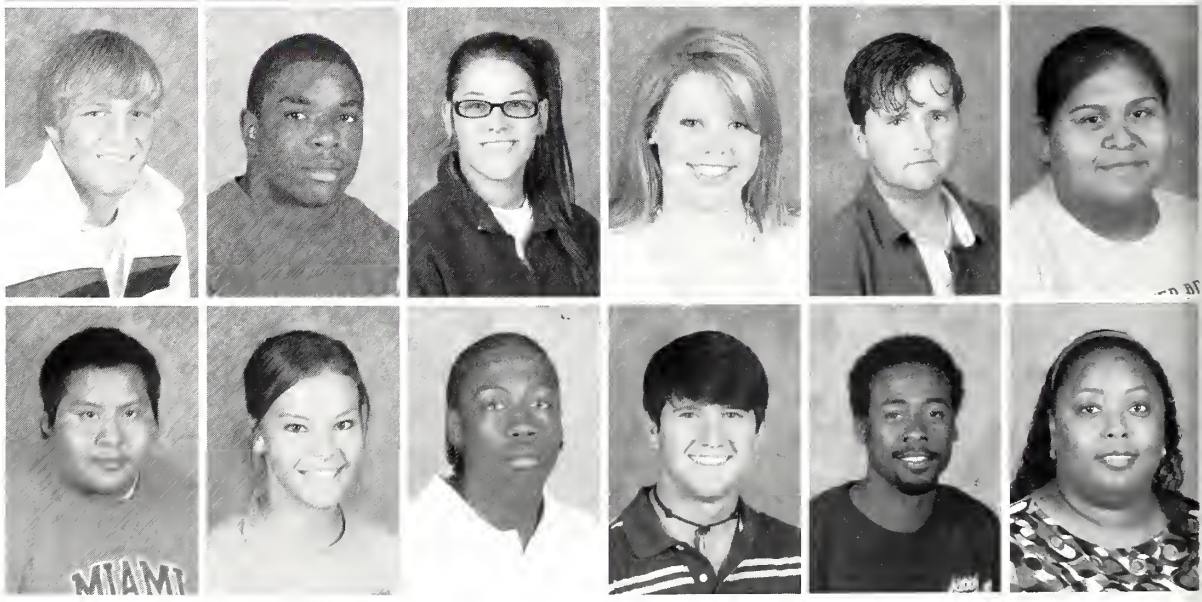

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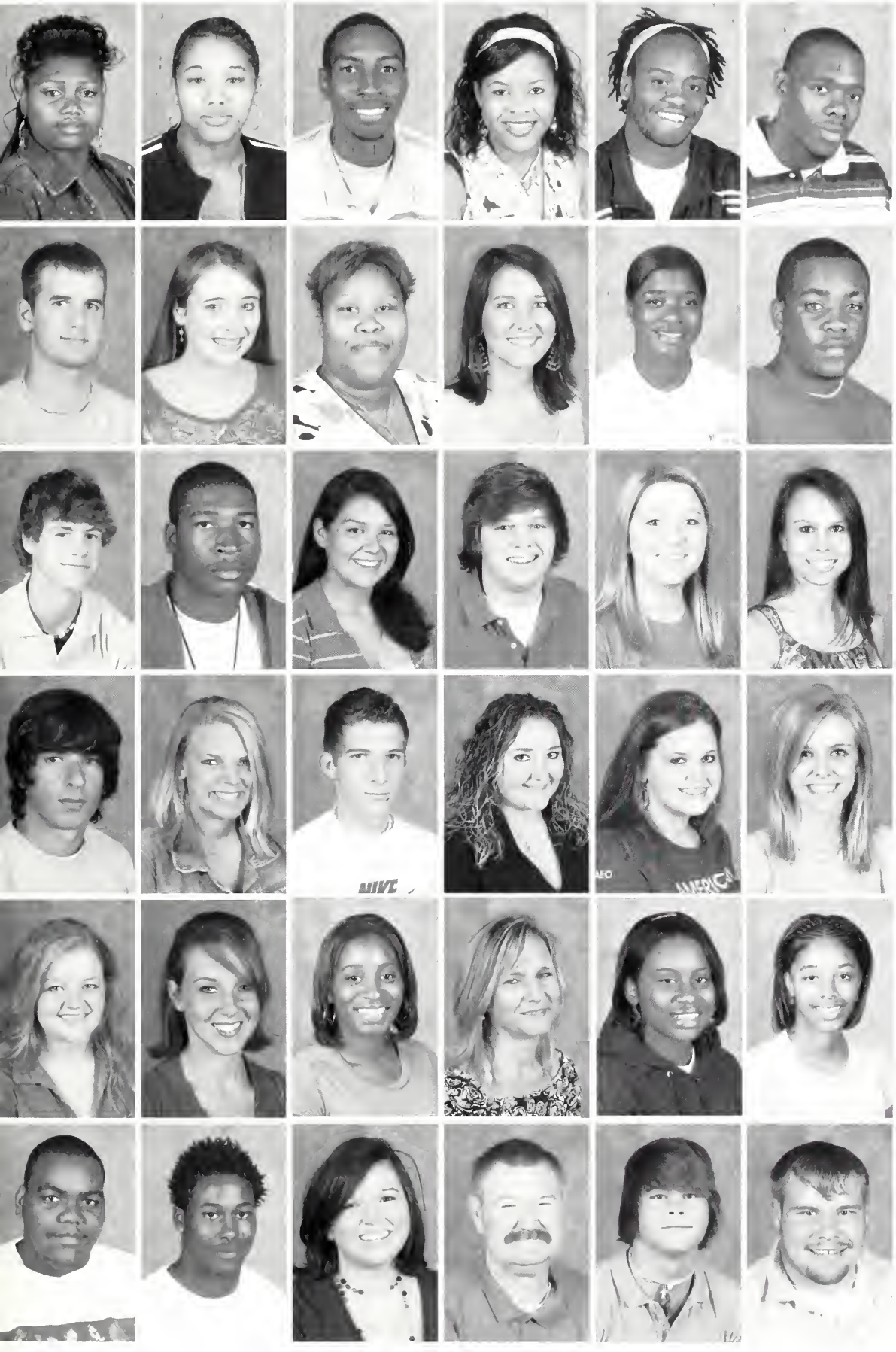

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Renardo Clark

David Clay
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Carlen Clemmons
Trenton Cockrell
Jessica Coleman
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Noah Cook
Kayla Coward
Mark Craig
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Leann Crapps
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Jenna Creel
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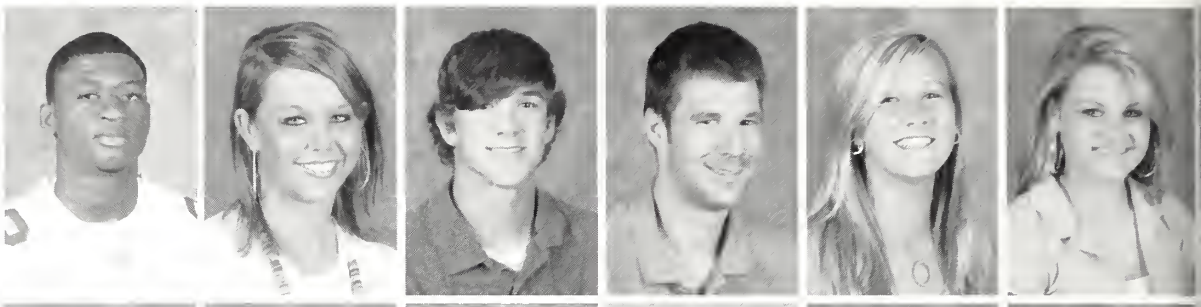

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Marvin Flucker

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Barbie Folse
Brandon Forrest
Sabra Fortenberry
Katlan French
Ray Frierson

Caleb Frink
Alexis Fulton
Felicia Futch
Julie Gaines
Dana Gale
Heather Garrison

Brittany Germany
Teresa Gibbs
Drew Gillis
Robin Goodin
James Graham
Ryan Greenwood

lingo'ing

lol....laugh out loud
jk.....just kidding
str8..straight
ttyl...talk to you later
brb...be right back
g2g...got to go
k.....okay
icu....I see you

LOL, laughing out loud, is what C.J. Crawford and Caitlin Harper are doing while reading a funny message they received on their way to class.

Hanging out in the mall area after class, Bo Steve and Marcus Ickom use their phones as they try to gather all their friends before heading to the cafeteria for some lunch.

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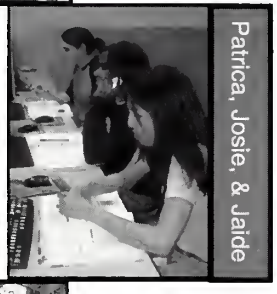
Wade Brown

Wade Brown tries his best to not get caught text-messaging during American Literature II.



Patricia, Josie, & Jaide

Patricia Tahahwah, Josie McDonald, and Jaide Horn hurry to send last minute text messages before class starts.

Jessica Keith

On her way to Newton Hall, Jessica Keith makes a few calls to insure that her friends are up and on their way to class.

Alexander Gray

Unwinding in the student lounge, Alexander Gray sends a few texts to his friends to get the scoop on the afternoon's plans.

If one were to ask students in any random class at EC to hold their hand up if they did not own a cell phone, that person would be lucky to see one, maybe two hands raised. Today our lives are completely run by cell phones. Messages tell us where to go, calls are received from concerned parents, and the list goes on. Our lives seem to almost stop when we don't have our phones with us.

Students message each other funny little forwards or simple, quick messages using various lingo such as brb, lol, etc. Calls are heard being made by Alltel users to their "Circle of 10." Most Cingular users like wait until night because calls are free after eight! Many have found a new way to send tones and pictures by using Bluetooth technology. It is simple and quick -- just what students prefer.

Celluar devices may be a teacher's worst nightmare, but it is almost impossible to clear the classrooms of them. Whether they are being used to Bluetooth music or to locate a student, cell phones are a student's best friend!

~Jennifer Sistrunk

Between classes, Josh Sheehan sends the latest ringtones to Nahamani Henderson through the exciting new Bluetooth technology.

Amber Griffin
Jeffery Grimshel
Jonas Hardy
Krystle Hardy
Caitlin Harper
Alexandra Harris

Traci Harrison
Courtney Harvey
Harold Hathorn
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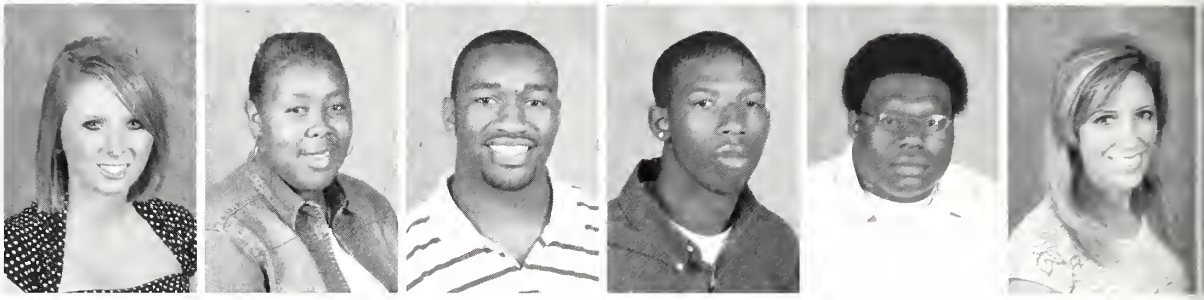

Michael Bloodsaw and Caleb Reed

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Courtney Fikes

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Lamario Hopson

Mark Hoskins
Kentoreya Howard
Gina Howell
Ana Huerta
Jeremy Hughes
Tiera Hughes

Brantley Ingram
Chris Ivy
Jonathan Jackson
Lectoria Jackson
Elaina James
Sierrra Jenkins

Terry Jenkins
Valerie Johnson
Jana Johnson
Maegan Johnston
Amanda Jones
Heather Jowers

Andie Easom

Jordan Taylor

Jamie Johnson

Matt Bates, Justin Sturdivant, Kyle Squires

Patrick Karel
Kelly Kight
Dana Kirk
Shelly Kyzar
Kayla Latham
Tamara LeFlore

La'Toria Lewis
Justin Lofton
Candace Long
Lacy Loper
Fredrick Lyons
Ja'Freeia Malone

Service learning is an important part of science courses at East Central. Sarah Henry, Marty Ann Bergin, Ryan Reeves, and Keith Brown were active service learning participants, doing such things as building duck and bluebird houses and cleaning up Mississippi highways. EC's science teachers, like Sharon LeJeune (below), led by example, giving of their time through both the service learning program and ECEC.

lending a hand

Community service is everywhere, whether one realizes it or not. It can be something as simple as volunteering to build birdhouses or something a little bit more major such as organizing a clean up effort to help with a huge disaster area.

Students on the campus of East central are very dedicated when it comes to service. Members of Phi Theta Kappa and the Native American Club traveled to the Mississippi Gulf Coast to help with Katrina relief. Chasidy Smith explains about the trip, "Wegot to tear down walls, uproot a fence, and use a sledge hammer! It was great. When else can you do that and not get in troube?" Other organizations on the campus, such as the East Central Environmental Club, made trips to locations such as Strawberry Plains for clean-up efforts.

Teamwork makes the dream work. Joe Buntyn and Steven Cullen work together as they pile the dirt to cover the roots of this newly planted tree.

Science students wanting extra credit volunteer to complete service learning projects. These projects include anything from cleaning desks, building duckhouses and birdhouses, raking leaves, or picking up acorns.

There are many other ways to give back to the community or campus of EC. Students coach church sports teams, donate blood, or tutor after school.

No matter what you do, or how you do it, any little bit helps.

~Megan Thomas

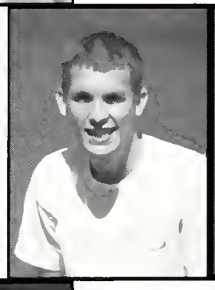
How did you serve your community this year???

Anna & Andrea

"We coached Upward Basketball at Clark-Venable Baptist Church."

Kasenda Overstreet

"I gave blood."



Joshua Skinner

"I went on the Strawberry Plains trip with ECEC."

Geraldine Deason

"I traveled to the coast to help clean up after Hurricane Katrina."

Andrew Marshall
Rhonda May
Kurt May
Deonn McCarty
Chiquita McClendon
Tyler McCool

Danita McCraw
Joseph McDonald
Brewer McGee
Monika McMahan
Tharin McNichols
Hannah Miles

Cortney Miller
Katie Mills
Nickie Minor
Tracey Moncrief
Travis Moore
Angela Moore

Maggie Moore
Desmond Morales
Shannon Moss
Jessica Mowdy
McClain Mullins
Leslie Nash

Brittany Nazary
Kendrick Nichols
Tomas Nichols
DeLesa Nowell
Carli O'Steen
Carolyn Overstreet

Winnie Owen
Jaqueline Pace
Dollye Packer
Connie Parker
Daniel Parker
Jamie Leigh Parker

Rick Parks
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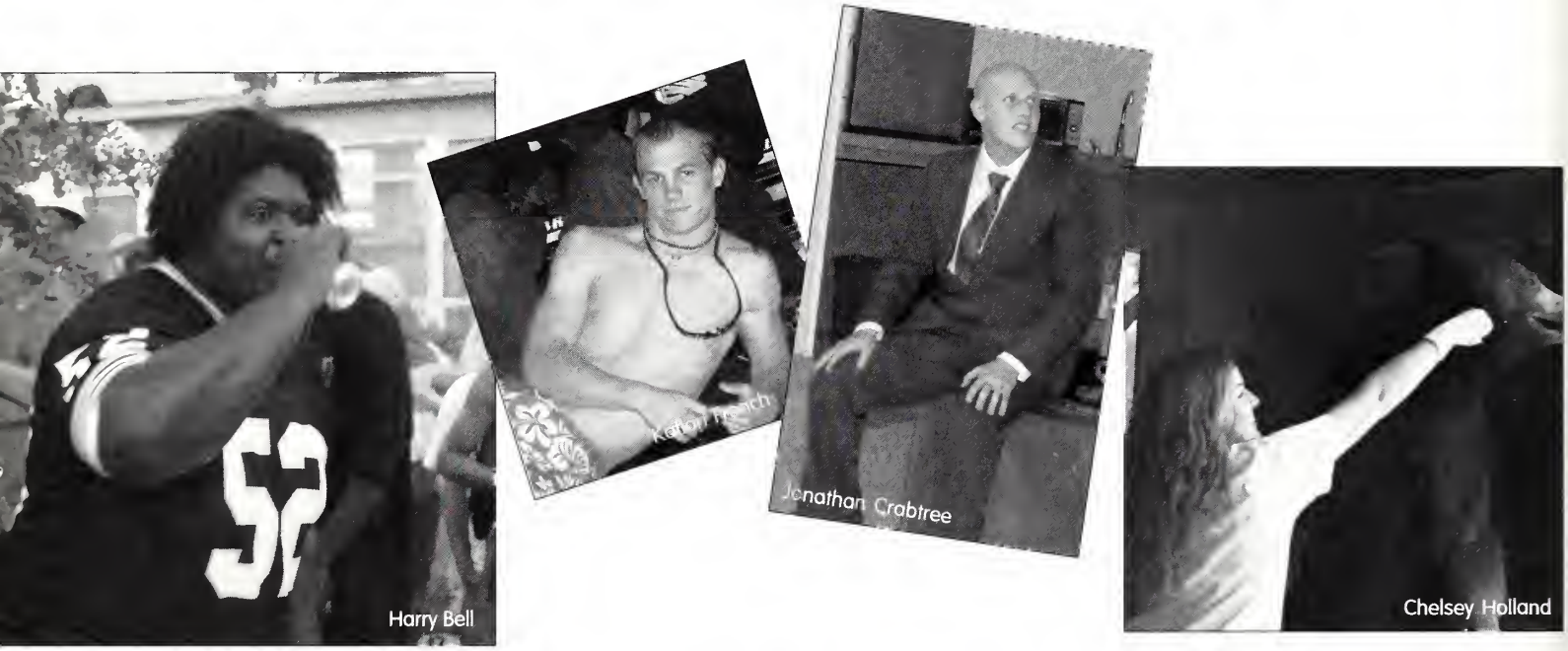

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Kristie Robinson
Anna Rouse
Vana Rush
Melissa Samuel
Kimberly Sanders

Tyrell Satcher
Connie Savell
Melysheaco Savior
Austin Scoggin
Kristina Scrivner
James Seward

Nathan Sharpe
Mitch Shoemake
Megan Shoemaker
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Kenya Singleton
Jennifer Sistrunk

Sherri Smith
Eugene Smith
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Lauren Smith
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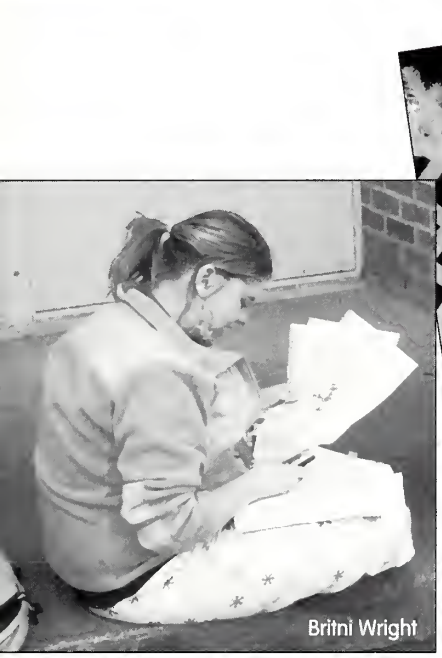
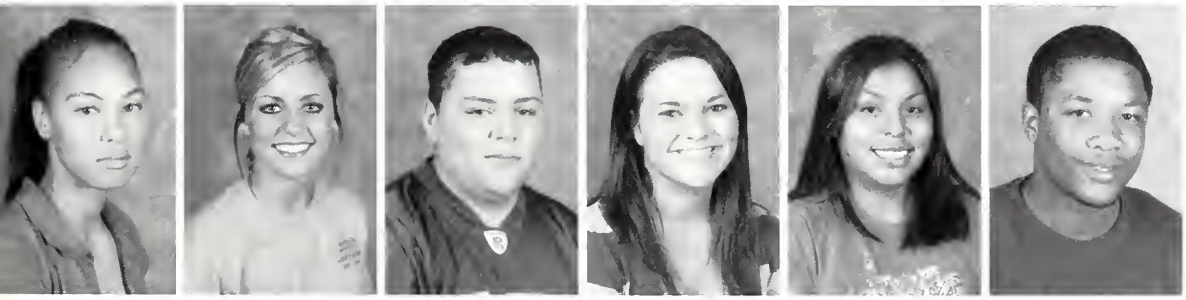


Kyle Squires
Gwendolyn Steele
Quentin Stephens
Lindsey Stevens
Chessie Stone
Alexis Styburski



Katherine Taylor
Jordan Leigh Taylor
Cedric Thames
Carla Thiac
Christina Thomas
Marcus Travis

Brittany Triplett
Josh Tubby
Damon Villalpando
Chelsey Vincent
Phillip Vines
Adam Wade

William Walker
Tyler Walters
Marcus Warnsley
Erin Warren
Lillie Wash
Latrice Waters

Patricia Webb
Justin Weems
Aldreca Wesley
Mignon Wesley
Jazzlynn Wheeler
Brittany White

Nicole White
Kenneth Whitfield
Anthony Williams
Deona Williams
Laura Williams
Missy Williamson

Mark Wilson
Terrica Windham
Shaleisha Woods
Britni Wright
Shelley Wright
Jamaal Yarbrough

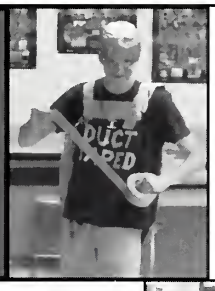
Chasity Yates
Victoria York

Hannah Luke enjoyed dressing up for Haunted House of Hoops! "Halloween is the one day of the year that you can be someone you're not!"

John Lofton and his dog, Daisy, dressed up for biology class on Halloween. John said his favorite thing about Halloween is the great parties around Decatur.

fright night

What is your favorite thing about Halloween?



Steven Cullen

Steven Cullen, more commonly known as "Duct Tape Man," says, "I love the candy at Halloween! It's everywhere!"

David Harmond

David "Goliath" Harmond says his favorite thing about Halloween is that you are never too old to dress up and have fun!

Lamario Hopson

Lamario "Superman" Hopson enjoys getting dressed up for Halloween. He says, "It's fun, and, of course, I LOVE the candy!"

Chessie Stone

"Princess" Chessie Stone can't get enough pumpkin shaped Reeses around Halloween. She says they are her favorite!

During the month of October, the campus of East Central was definitely a little different. Students magically transformed themselves into everything from witches to Superman, and even Goliath. The science department looked like something from their hippie "daze," and classrooms became covered with candy.

A unique Halloween tradition at EC returned this year - "Haunted House of Hoops." Students and faculty showed up in costume, ready for a "spooky" time of basketball and fun.

After that, it was time to party! Several costume parties were held on and around campus for students to attend. Leake Apartment #105 just one place full of ghostly ghouls having a good time.

All in all, Halloween let students go back to being a kid again, dressing up and eating all the candy they wanted!

~Jennifer Sistrunk

Jimmie McCraw, Jennifer King, and little "pirate" Aeriana really got into the holiday spirit, handing out candy to students and wishing everyone a great day.

Sophomores

Our song . . .

Riding through the campus with the music up,
Everyone waves and says 'What's up?'
Sophomore year is finally here,
And quickly, the end is drawing near.
I look around the campus and turn the radio down,
I sit and listen to the EC sounds..

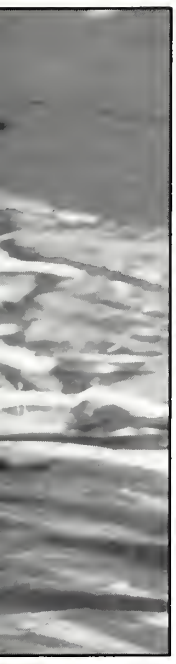
People are laughing, people are talking,
Centralettes dancing and all the boys gawking.
Speeding through campus getting chased by blue lights,
Trying to survive boredom on all those long Decatur nights.
Papers, poems, essays, and novels to read and write,
Let's go to the grill and eat a bite.

Don't wanna leave this place, but it's time to move on.
Before you know it, we will all be gone.
Moving to that big university hours away;
In Decatur, our hearts will always stay.

~Megan Thomas

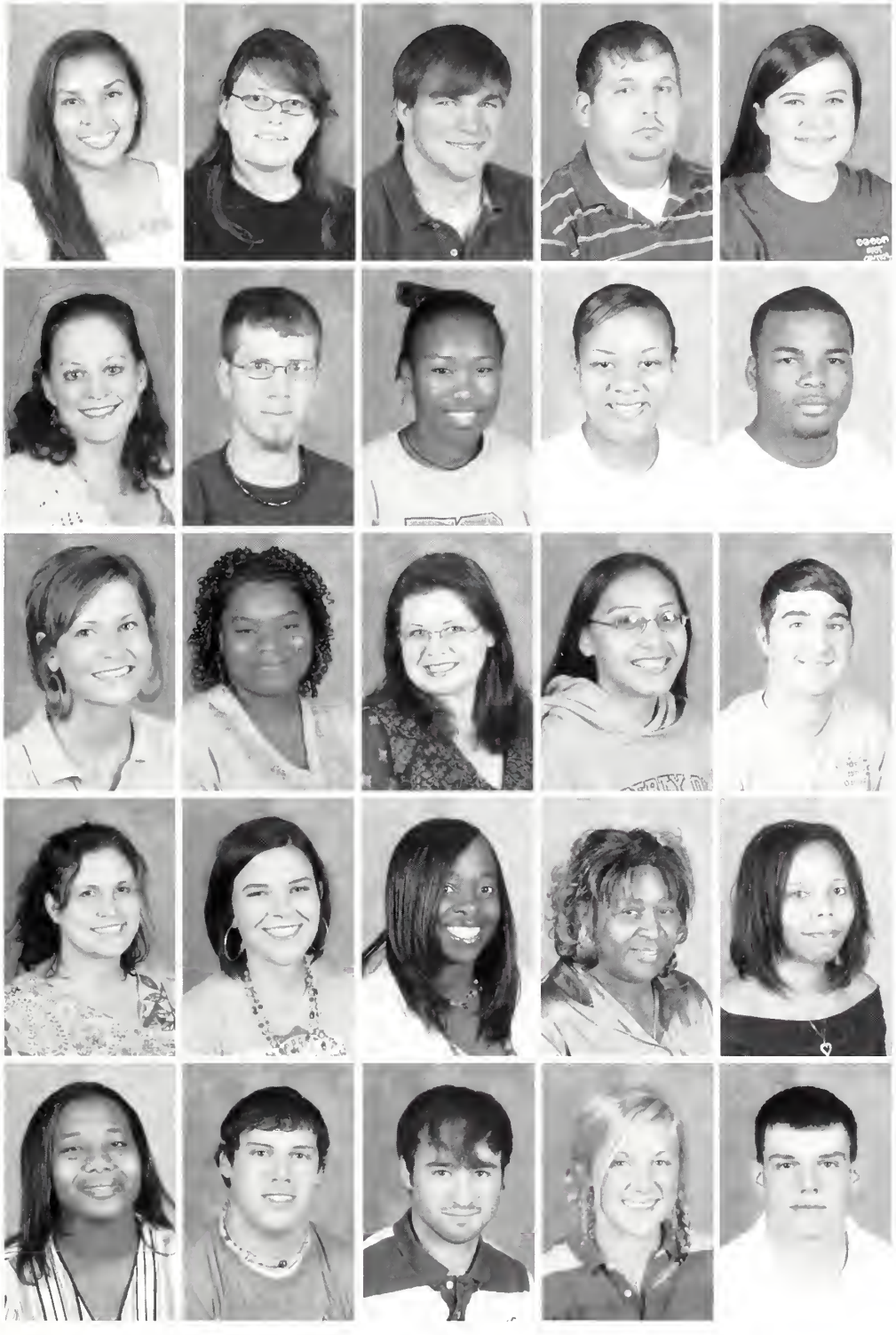
Catching up on the latest gossip, best buds Caylee Sullivan and Madisan Brantley laugh over lunch as they carry on their traditian af eating tagether every day

After enjoying fried chicken Thursday in the cafeteria, Kendall Cooper hangs out in the mall area, texting an his cell phone.



"From BSU to Spring Spree to my favorite - playing intramural softball, I have enjoyed everything about my years as an EC Warrior."

~ Zac Richardson



Delynn Agee
Brittany Alexander
Erik Alexander
Dustin Alford
Charleigh Alford

Heather Anthony
Heidi Armstrong
Shaun Aultman
Brittany Barfield
Savannah Barksdale
Timothy Barnes

Christopher Barnett
Mary Beam
Taherra Battle
Samara Beckham
Ashley Billie
Clanton Blaylock

Shonda Blaylock
Angela Boatner
Kendall Boler
Latasha Boose
Dianne Boyd
Tiffany Boyd

Anita Bradley
Tina Brown
Adam Brown
Caleb Brown
Chelsea Brown
Joe Buntyn

Marquese Burks
Celeste Burt
Jessica Cager
Contarus Carter
DeAngelo Carter
Kady Chandler

Krista Chaney
Ashley Channell
Monica Chesney
Deana Chickaway
Constance Chunn
Jessica Clark

Devon Clay
Kim Cleveland
Melissa Cobb
Jessica Cochran
Nicholas Comfort
Andrea Cook

Casey Cooper
Amanda Corkern
Katie Corley
Traci Crabtree
Drew Cravens
Carol Anne Creel

Steven Cullen
William Cumberland
Jeffrey Davis
Geraldine Deason
Mandy Dennis
Krisha Dickens

Ashley Donald
Melanie Eaves
Jessica Edmonson
Lauren Estes
Chea Evans
Dustin Evans

These saphamares are Mississippi State University bound! Future Bulldogs Cody Eure, Jessica Keith, and Mandy Dennis plan to pursue degrees in business, real estate, and sacial wark.

It's straight ta wark far Bryan Maare, a callisan repair major, wha plans ta get a full-time jab in his field.

What are your plans for next year?

what

WHAT NEXT? For some sophomores who know exactly where they are headed, this may be an easy question; for others who aren't so sure, it may not. This two word question holds so much meaning, and it brings many more questions to mind: What college? What major? How many more years? How much money? This list keeps going.

Life seems to come at students at a faster pace when they start thinking outside of East Central. EC has become like a second home to many. It has been a place where students have found lasting friendships, true love, or, more importantly, themselves.

Many sophomores will venture on to major universities to further their educations. Others will step out into the "real" world, seeking job oppurtunities. A few might even be tying the knot, while others aren't even worried about serious commitment.

Whatever the case may be, every sophomore will agree that their time spent at EC has well prepared them for whatever **IS NEXT!**

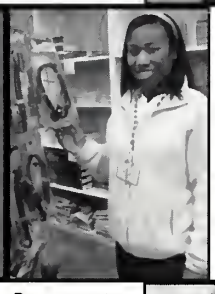
~ Jennifer Sistrunk

What's next? Chasidy Smith knows the answer far her: to attend MSU and major in Secondary Educatian with an emphasis in Science.

Caleb Harper

Caleb plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi and major in tourism management.

Brittany Barfield

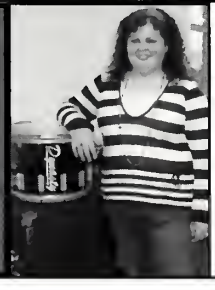


Brittany has chosen occupational therapy as her professional goal and hopes ta attend University Medical Center in Jacksan.

Anse & Brandon

Roommates Anse Rigby and Brandan "Smeed" Chambers hape ta attend nursing school tagether and cantinue being roommates.

Mandi King



Snare drummer Mandi King will attend Delta State University to pursue a music degree. She plans to try aut far the DSU drum line.

Kim Faucette
Tina Finderson
Angel Fletcher
Matt Fondren
Kale Gardner
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Paul Gibson
Whitney Gilbert
Brendee Glass
Jermaine Glass
Devin Grace
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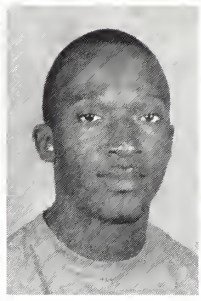

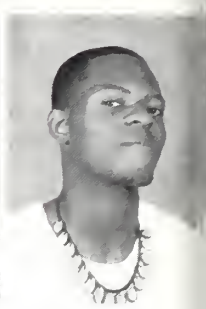

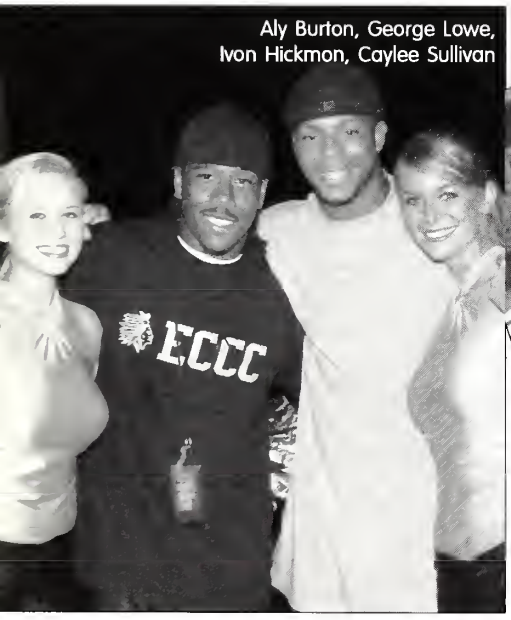

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Cathrine Harper

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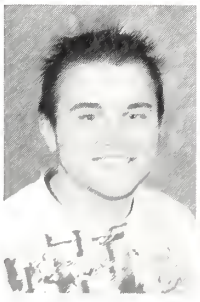
Tabitha Harrell
Jennifer Harris
James Hattaway



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Blake Hedrick
Aerial Henry
Christy Hickman
Ivon Hickmon
Brian Hillie

Amanda Holdiness
Raquel Hollingsworth
Leslie Hollingsworth
Jessica Holmes
LaNorris Houston
Mykel Hoy

Pam Hughes
Terry Hunt
Joylisha Hunt
Justin Hurdle
Shelee Hurtt
Benjamin Ingram

Sharitha Ingram
Jeremy Jackson
Patrick Jackson
Sheila Jackson
Jenna Jackson
Sarah James

Strumming on their guitars, Jordan Gibbs, Brandon Chambers, Anse Rigby, and Daniel Pilgrim wind down from classes as they play their favorite songs.

Sophomore Celeste Burt chooses an energetic song on her iPad as she anxiously awaits the afternoon's intramural soccer game.

no end the music

Dancin' and singin' and movin' to the groovin' and just when it hit me, somebody turned around and shouted: play that funky music, white boy..." Lyrics like these ring through our ears on a daily basis. Music fits every aspect of our lives, and that is why we love it so much. It is everywhere we turn - the television, the radio, our iPods and computers, and even the theme of this yearbook. We don't even think about it being there because it has become second nature to us.

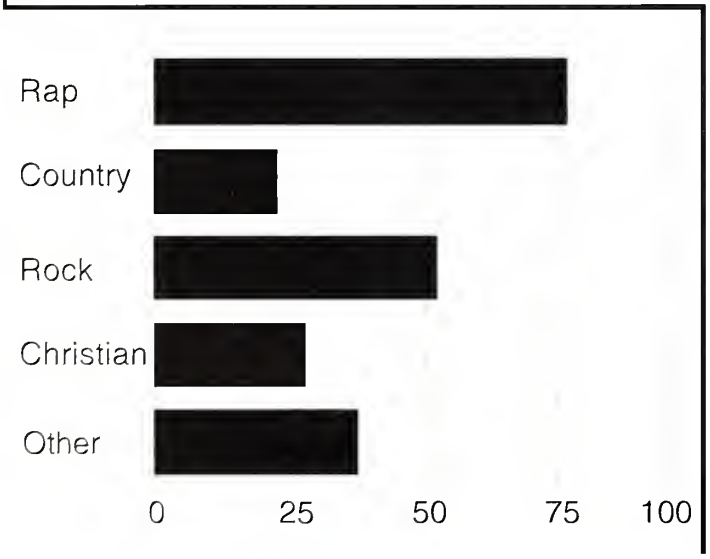
Music serves many purposes in our lives. Kim Cleveland says, "I listen to music when I want to relax. When I am stressed from classes, I kick back in my apartment or take a ride and blast the radio." Favorite songs and artists help soothe students and put them at ease.

Music is also a form of entertainment. When boredom strikes Mandy Holdiness, she likes to crank up the jams and dance around with her friends. "Music makes me want to shake my groove thang! I love dancing crazy to 'Money Maker' by Ludacris," she notes.

There is also a time when music brings seriousness and meaning into our lives. This is when music can be considered a form of worship. "Music is my favorite to worship my Lord. I love it," tells Daniel Pilgrim.

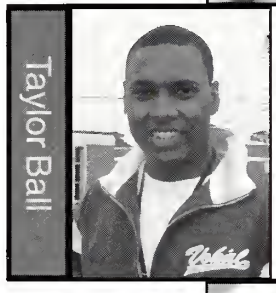
Music is everywhere, whether we like it or not. Carole King sang it best, "Music is playing inside my head, over and over again. My friend, there is no end to the music..."

~Megan Thomas



What is your favorite song???

"Waiting on the World to Change" by John Mayer



"Why They Hatin'" by Lil Boosie

"So Cold" by Crossfade

"Top Back" by T.I.

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Maurice Jenkins
Loraine Johnson
Bryan Johnson
Brad Joiner

Sally Jones
Jessica Keith
Doug Kelley
Nick Kendrick
Mandi King
Char'Dae Knowlin

Lauryn Laird
Kanedra Lampkin
Greyland LaPrade
Kia Latiker
Brett Latimer
Drew Leach

Mentral Ledbetter
Tre'Lynda Lewis
Grant Lofton
John Lofton
William Long
Sharika Love

George Lowe
Dominique Marshall
Shonda Marshall
Ashley May
Shawn McBeath
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Lauren McDonald
Rachel McElhenney
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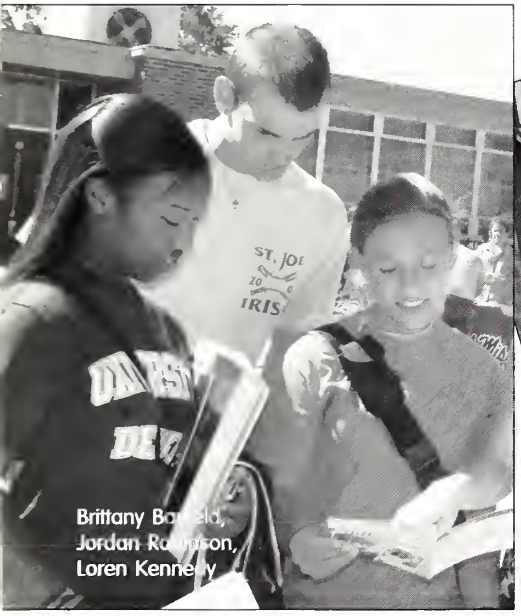

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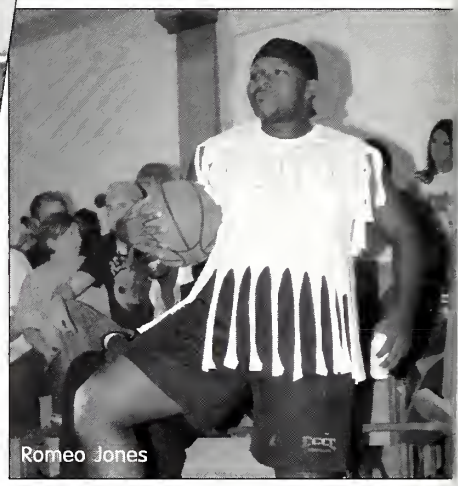

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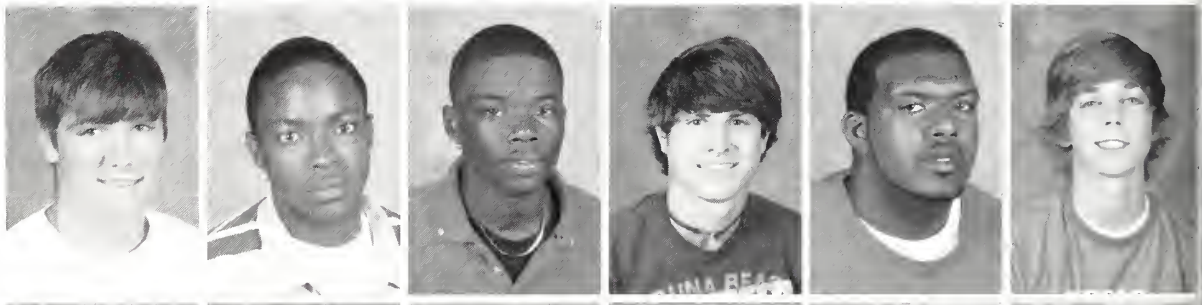

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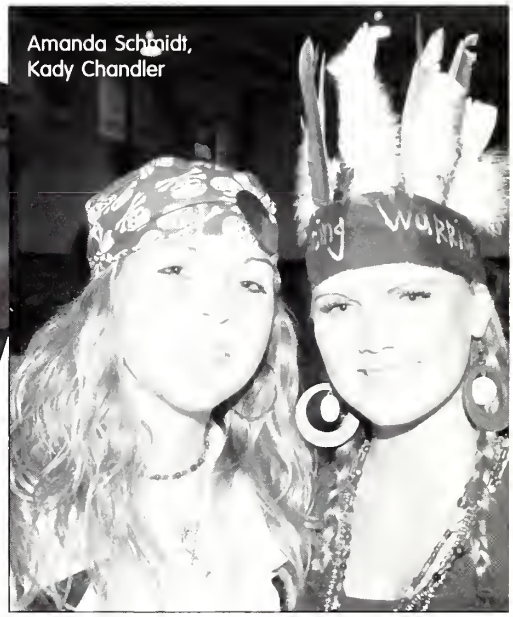

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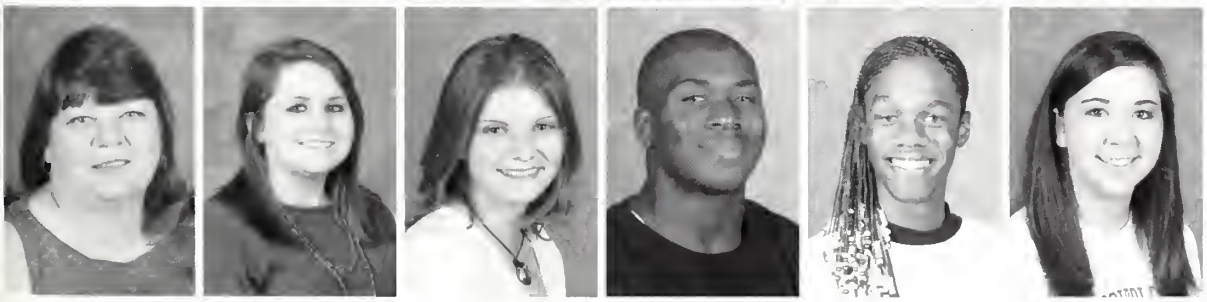

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Sedonia Smith
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Morgan Stringer

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Caylee Sullivan
Stephen Summers
Kristian Swearingen
Amber Tatum
Megan Thomas

Tiffany Thomas
Sunni Tolbert
Tanika Triplett
Coty Vandevender
April Walker
Tavarius Walker

James Wall
Chiquilia Wardell
Laura Ware
Lee Ware
Victor Warnsley
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Rebecca Washburn
Crystal Watkins
Johnny Wells
Ashley Wesley
Juwayne Wilder
Shunta Williams

Roxanne Wilson
Kayla Wilson
Clarrissa Wilson
Shenita Wilson
Jessica Windham
Ashley Windham

Kyle Wolfe
Patrick Woodward
Morgan Wright
Jason Yarbrough
Kandace Yarbrough
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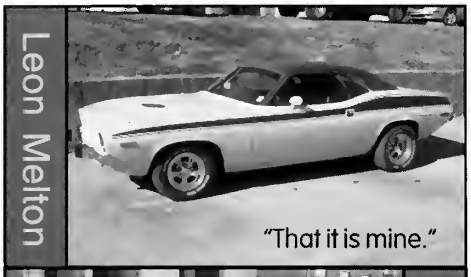
Five members of the Midnight Hustlaz line up their rides for display, as Zac Richardson's Mustang sits pretty in the parking lot by Neshoba Hall.

zoom

What do you like best about your ride?



From sparkling new Honda Accords to muddy, rusted Chevrolet pick-up trucks, vehicles are everywhere we look -- at school, at home, at the gas station, and even in the songs played on the radio. Today's generation has taken means of transportation to the next level. East Central students take pride in their cars and like to flaunt them, whether they are factory or maxed out to the supreme.

Cars are not only driven, but they also represent one's personality. Zac Richardson agrees by saying, "My mustang is Zac on four wheels. It is an expression of who I am." Nichole Ball's Volkswagen Beetle displays her favorite color. "It's hot pink. What could be better?" Why does Mark Mays love hitting reverse in his Pontiac Grand Am? "I love hearing my reverse alarm when I back up. It makes a really loud beeping sound. It's great."

Mark Mays, along with Taylor Ball and Rodney Owen, all of Louisville, take credit for creating a club especially for guys who like souping up their cars. There are currently thirteen members, and they call themselves the Midnight Hustlaz, priding themselves on having 20 inch rims or better.

Stop reading, and go crank up your car. Everybody's like zoom, zoom...

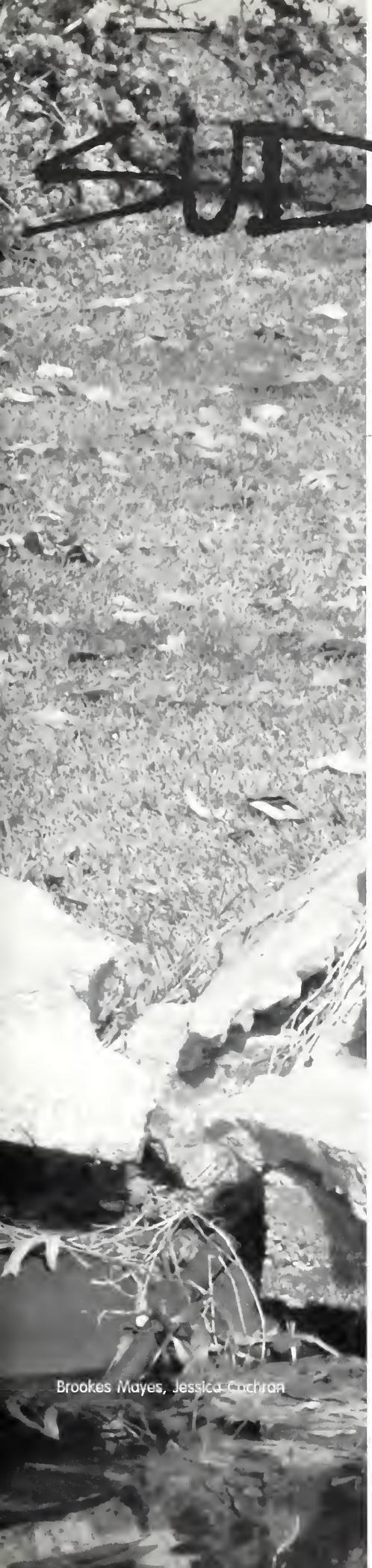
~ Megan Thomas

O'Darrion Brown is the proud owner of this gold Chevrolet Caprice.

Hollis Robinson, Amanda Warren, Martha McGivney

Monig Burnside
Madeline Dorman

Sheila Wright



Brookes Mayes, Jessica Cochran

SUDDENLY I SEE ...

THIS IS WHAT I WANT TO BE

Some lucky students arrive at East Central with a game plan for their lives. They know exactly what they want to major in and what they want to do the rest of their years. These are the students wearing contacts. Their vision on life is crystal clear.

Many of these students choose one of EC's seventeen Career/Technical programs, ranging from Cosmetology to Automotive Technology to Hotel and Restaurant Management. These programs enable students to gain first-hand experience in a field as they prepare for the working world. Other students enter EC's highly-competitive healthcare programs, which possess a great reputation in this area. Still others come to EC with a firm academic major and benefit from the wide range of classes offered.

For others, however, the future is not yet in focus. If the future is hazy and blurry, what can students do? They can apply to East Central and become a Liberal Arts major. They can take the basics, spending long afternoons in biology lab, writing freshman essays, and honing mathematics skills. As they do so, they examine their possibilities. Programs at EC become a magnifying glass to help students zero in on a field and clearly see what it is all about. Many times, just one course can broaden a student's outlook on his or her future career.

Programs at East Central provide a great way to see the future more clearly. They become a flashlight on a darkened, shady path. Suddenly a student will see, "This is what I want to be."

PROGRAMS

Pursuit of KNOWLEDGE

Why EC? Academic programs at East Central thoroughly prepare students for the next step.

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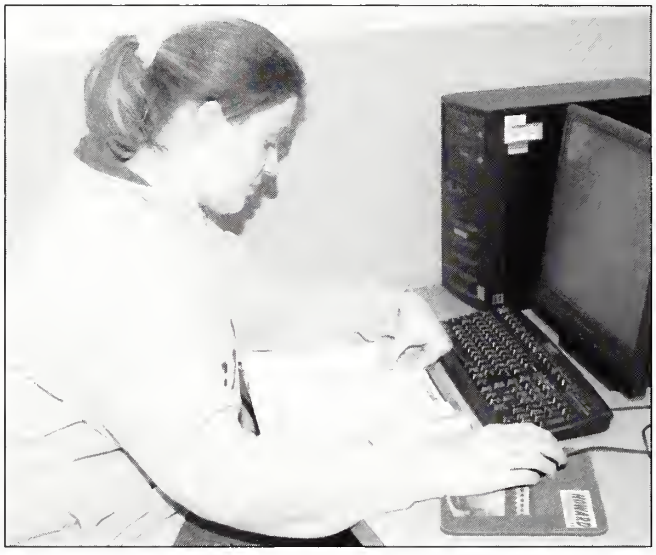


In Microcomputer Applicotions, Tiffany Quick corefully reads her textbook as she learns how to use Excel.

Building o ropport with her audience, Khristy Measell gives them a smile as she delivers her speech.

When asked why getting a college education is important, almost anyone can give the answer. It has become clear that a college degree is invaluable when it comes to having options in today's world. Students want a good, satisfying career and realize that, more likely than not, they will need a degree to pursue that career.

But why East Central? When posed with that question, EC students can answer it readily, too. Valencia Chambers says, "EC is a great first step. The classes are small, they transfer, and the teachers are so nice. They are willing to help you anyway for you to succeed."

The fact is that the academic programs at EC benefit everyone. For students who aren't sure what kind of job they'd like to hold once they get out of school, EC offers a Liberal Arts major, which provides students with the basics they need and gives them time to think things over. For students who are more sure of their direction, East Central offers even more. The programs of study vary greatly, ranging from Agriculture to Pre-Medical to Forestry. Each major includes the courses required to carry a student forward after leaving EC. There's something for just about everyone at ECCC.

And what makes EC an even better choice? Its competent, caring faculty. EC's teachers prepare students well for the next step. More importantly, these teachers give not only knowledge, but also solid, personal guidance to their students.

Why EC? For those with academic aspirations, the answer is clear. East Central's academic programs provide the strong background they need to achieve their goals.

~ Megan Thomas

In their study of plotonic solids, Vicki McNoir's Geometry ond Meosurement closs mode geometric shopes. D. D. Wolker demonstrotes her creotions for the closs.

Using coreful concentrotion, Hope Chorlie sits behind the desk ond contemplotes putting her ortistic visions onto poper.

Squeoling, squirming, ond refusing to touch the spider, Morty Ann Bergin looks on os Mr. Curt Skipper opprooches with Rosie the torontulo. Bergin excloims, "I did not wont to touch thot spider! It wos freoking me out." Keith Brown odded, "I reolly wosn't plonning on touching it, but she wos folling, so I extended my hond to breok her foll. It wosn't oll thot bod."

The science teachers at EC are terrific. They really try to help you out in any way possible. I'll be going to MC when I graduate, and I know I am getting great preparation for the classes I'll take in the future.

~ Justin Harrell
Pre-med major

In general chemistry lab, Wade Adkins reads a buret during an acid-base titration.

Taking a bubbles from a hydrogen gas generator, Justin Harrell places them over a lit candle, creating an impressive handful of flame. While the effect is remarkable, the wet hand remains unhurt in this organic chemistry lab experiment.

In a Physics Lab experiment, Loren Kennedy (kneeling) pulls a cord that sends a ball flying into the air, and classmates Jeannie Triplett, Meritza Henry, Justin Harrell, and Maggie McDill watch carefully to measure the height of the ball's upward motion.

Biology I students Meagan Edwards and Laura Smith gather water samples for a lab experiment. Joe Johnson's class spent an afternoon in EC's "Habitat" conducting a variety of experiments.

Anatomy & Physiology students Jennifer Chaney, Savannah Barksdale, and Monica Chesney examine a skeleton to learn the various bones that make up a human hand.

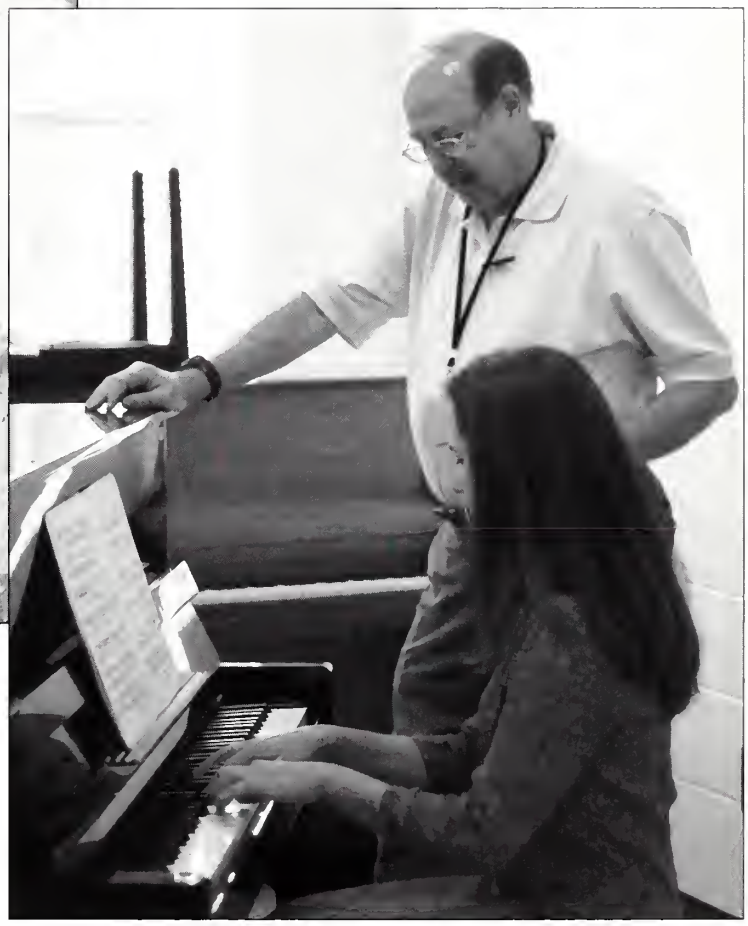
Nontroditionol students Joseph McDonold ond Glendo Coter work together to show the process of cellulor respirotion in Kim Hordy's Biology I lob. As Coter corefully keeps time on her watch, McDonold blows through the strow, wotching os the clear liquid turns pink once his breath hits it.

Possing out hondouts, Heidi Armstrong prepares her closs with notes so they will be able to easily follow her PowerPoint presentotion. EC's moth teochers used various methods of teaching, such os PowerPoint, to help students grasp math concepts.

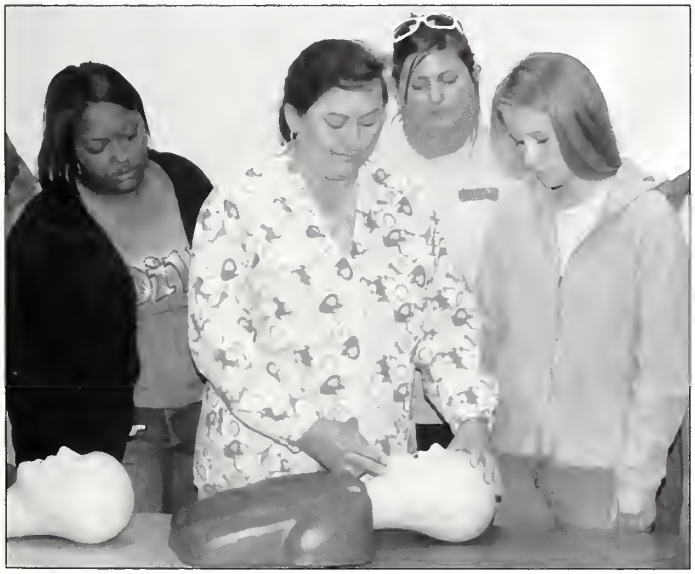
Wrocking her brain for the user nome ond password to EBSCO Host, freshmon Carmen Ezell uses the computer to begin reseorching topics. Freshmen in their second semester quickly reolized that English Comp II isn't o time for fun ond gomes os they scurried to write their big reseorch poper.

Ignorance isn't bliss; education is. Returning to school after more years than I care to admit has been one of the best experiences of my life. The instructors, as well as the other students, have welcomed, encouraged, and supported me every day. I will always treasure my 'second time around' at EC.

~ Glenda Cater



With Mr. Len Bobo watching over her shoulder, Lauryn Laird strokes the piano keys with elegance and grace. Private lessons such as this were available for students who wanted to better themselves at desired skills.



Demonstrating the process of CPR, Donna Pace from Newton Regional Hospital makes a visit to Ms. Wood's First Aid class. Lakeisha Bobbitt, Brooke Harrell, and Robyn Griffin pay close attention to this beneficial training that might enable them to one day save someone's life.

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Hands-on LEARNING

After donning safety glasses and a mask, Collision Repair Technologystudent Luke Howell carefully sands a '67 Corvette.

EC's Career-Technical students participate in a wide variety of programs, but they all share one thing: learning from hands-on experience.

Whether it's a carpenter with a hammer, a chef chopping ingredients or stirring a pot, or a cosmotology student with her hands in someone's hair, East Central's career-technical students all learn the same way - by using their hands.

As members of EC's new Industrial Maintenance program at Philadelphia, Alex Dixon, Willie Colston, and Howard Dixon gain experience by working on a hydrolic trainer.

The Career-Technical programs are actually two separate types of programs: vocational programs designed to teach a trade and technical programs designed to prepare students for employment once they complete the program.

Mr. Wayne Eason, Dean of Career-Technical Instruction, explains that no matter what fields these students eventually go into, they will all be working with their hands. And while most people must receive on-the-job training, the students who enter the Career-Technical programs are one step ahead because they are taught *by* working with their hands. By the time they get to the workplace, they don't need extra training.

Child Development Technology student Kanedra Lampkin appreciates the training she has received at EC. She noted, "My classes have been good, but there is nothing like actually working with children. I've learned so much about kids at EC."

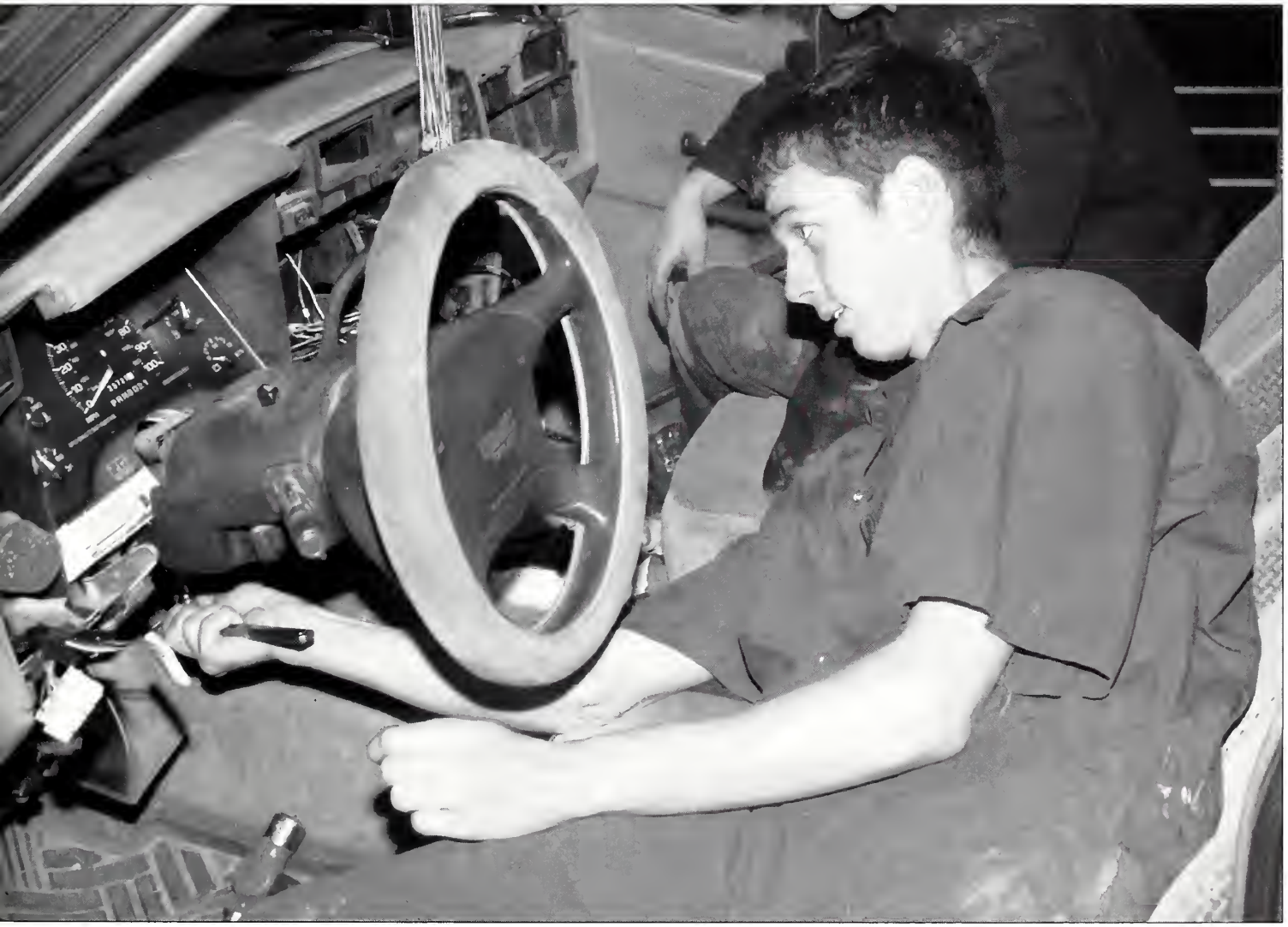
East Central's Career -Technical programs provide valuable classroom instruction combined with hours of practical experience. Because of this, student are sure to have good jobs to look forward to in their futures.

~ Megan Thomas

In Electrical Technology, Chris Jones fires a residential circuit.

Stirring with care, Kyle Barnett, a Hotel/Restaurant Management major, prepares a dish in his kitchen lab.

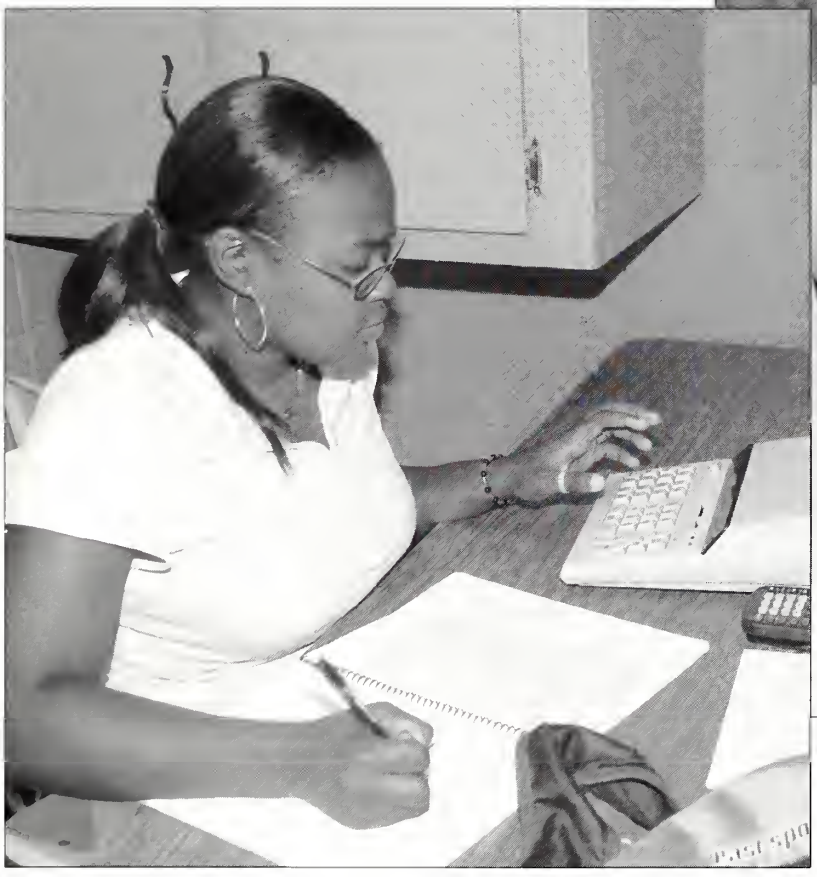
Working on a beautiful fall day, Carpentry students Andrew Rogers and Chris Stewart hammer roof decking.



Taking the driver's seat, Thomas Coley tools with dashboard wiring. Understanding the workings a car inside and out is a must for Automotive Technology students like Coley.

One reason I am in the cosmetology program at EC is that I want people to know that they have a unique beauty. Everyone needs to know they are special. As a cosmetologist, I can really bring this out to them.

~ Jamie Leigh Parker

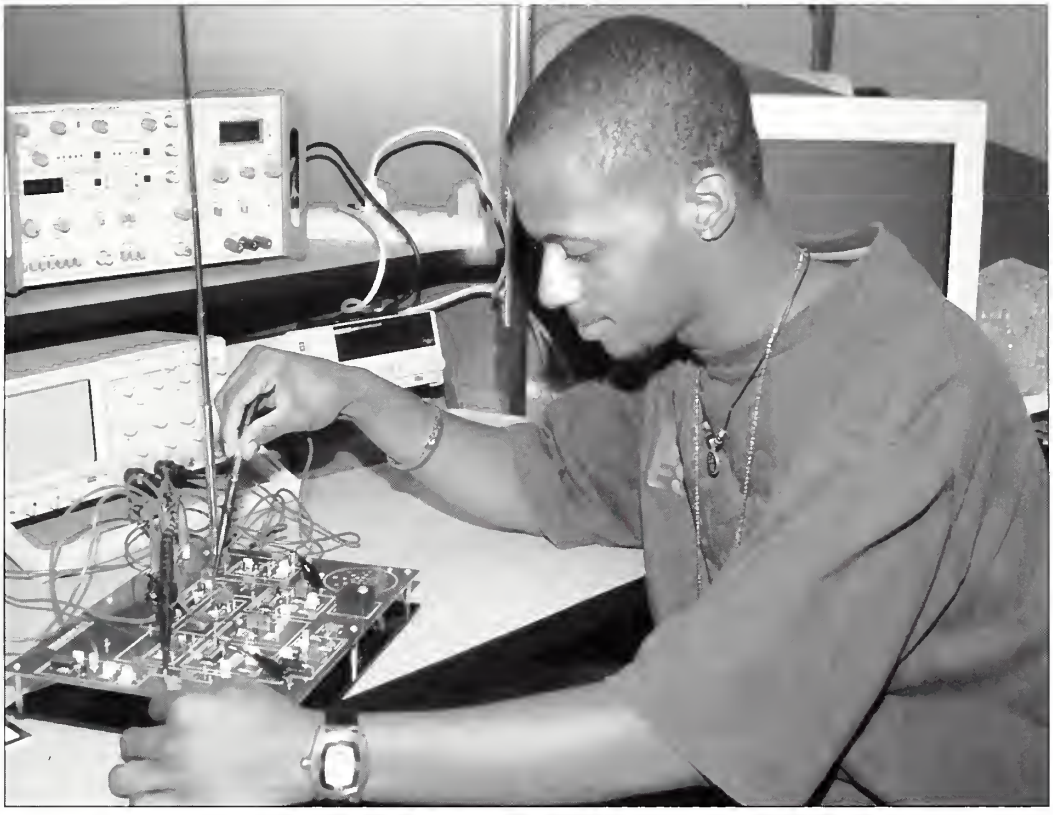


Applied Business math problems teach Business Technology student Tre'lynda Lewis how to use math in the "real world."

Also gaining "real world" experience, Lee Dooley drills a hole for a keyed hub. Machine Shop Technology students did work on actual jobs for people throughout the area. The part Lee made was used in the refurbishing of an old cane mill.

With classmate Kendall Boler as her "customer," Jamie Leigh Parker practices washing hair.

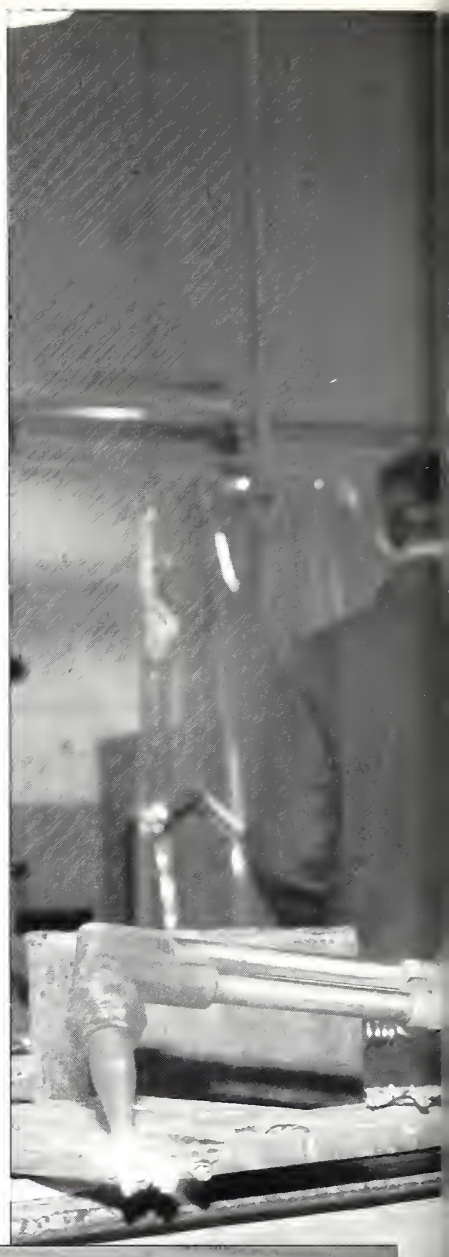
In his Electronic Technology class, Jeremy Moore tests a digital electronic circuit. As with every Career-Technical program, hands-on learning was the name of the game in Electronic Technology.



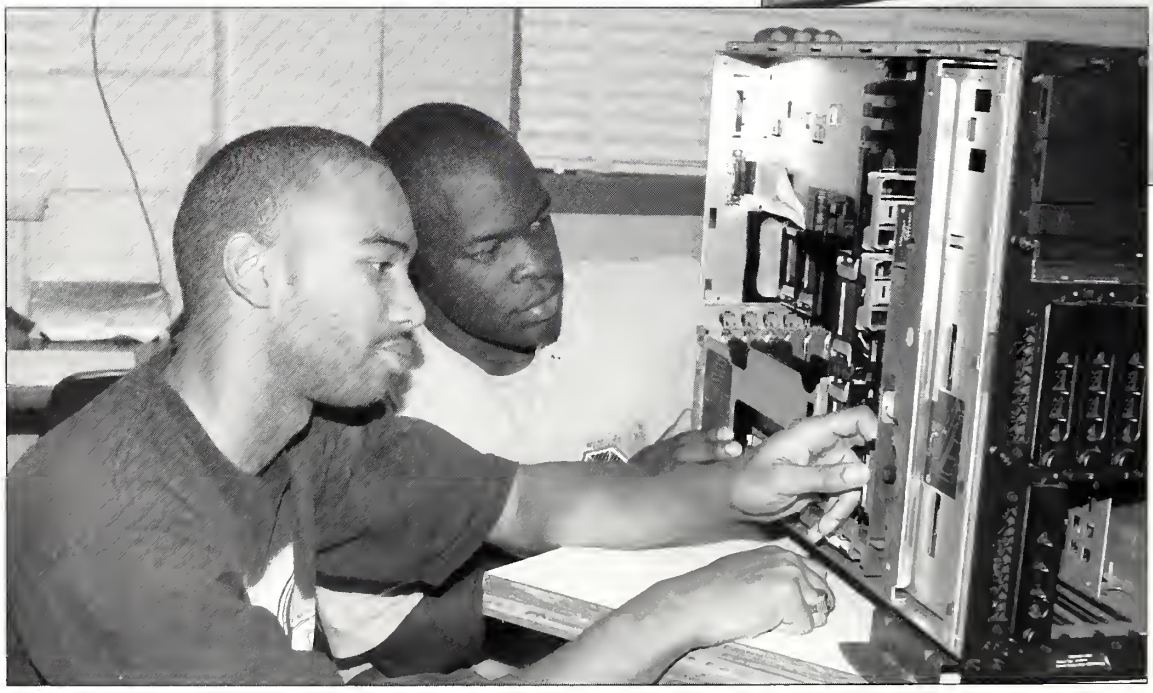
Giving these preschoolers her undivided attention, Pam Hughes helps them make mosaics. Child Development students like Pam gained valuable experience as they cared for the children in EC's Child Care Center.

Safety comes first for Welding Technology student Grant Lofton, who dons protective gloves and glasses as he carefully uses his torch to cut metal.

Taking care to be precise, Mr. Benny Lee and Karlos Diaz design floor plans for a project in Drafting and Design.



In Computer Network Support Technology, Cedric Hodges and Zerell Gardner gain valuable experience installing components on a server.



"I have really enjoyed being part of EC's Welding Technology program. I like what I do, and I think it is going to open up possibilities for my future."

~ Grant Lofton

Heating and Air Conditioning Technology students Nick Brown, Stan Nowell, David Eubanks, and Jamie Cumberland learn to read the instruments on their diagnostic equipment.

Concentrating on his assignment, Marcus Warnsley enters source code to create computer software. In today's world, learning to program computers will make Marcus and students like him very marketable.

Meeting NEEDS

EC's Healthcare Education is dedicated to meeting the growing need for competent and caring healthcare professionals in our state.

Using a CPR dummy, EMT students Sunni Talbert, Andrew Sharp, and Starmy Vaugn practice the valuable skill of resuscitating an infant both quickly and carefully.

As a member of the newly created Healthcare Assistant program, Tawanna McDaniel learns to transfer a patient, classmate Brooke Harrell, from bed to wheelchair with care.

When she gave birth to her daughter McKenlee two years ago, the friendliness, caring, and competence of her nurses stood out to Jessie McDaniel. She said, "I remember thinking that there would be nothing better than to be a part of that."

Now, as a student in East Central's Associate Degree Nursing program, McDaniel is well on her way to being part of the nursing profession as a labor and delivery nurse.

The ADN program is just one facet of EC's newly-created Healthcare Education. Healthcare Education also includes EMT / Paramedic Technology, Licensed Practical Nursing, and Surgical Technology, as well as a new offering - Healthcare Assistant.

Dr. Melanie Gilmore, Dean of Healthcare Education, says the changes came about as part of EC's efforts "to satisfy the growing need for healthcare professionals in this district and in our state."

EC's programs have a reputation for excellence; in fact, McDaniel chose EC's ADN program because of the positive things she had heard about the instructors and their abilities. "I was actually accepted into MCC's program, too, but coming to EC was the natural choice, and not just because I live in Decatur. I have been impressed with how well I am being prepared for my chosen field."

Students in other healthcare programs receive the same first-rate preparation. They all leave their respective programs ready to meet the needs of their patients in a competent and caring manner.

~ Megan Thomas

Practice in the classroom will help these surgical technalagy students - Terrance Burgin, Melady McNall, Shelly McGuire, and Kristy Waadruff - perform with precision when they enter a real operating room.

Gaining practical experience outside the classroom, second year ADN student Bruce Thrash performs a blood pressure screening at Fred's pharmacy in Philadelphia.

With the help of instructor Lori Luke, PN student Tamia Jones learns to insert a nasogastric tube into a patient's stomach. Hands-on learning was a significant part of Healthcare Education classes.

With slow and gentle movements, Lorie Jenkins performs range of motion exercises on fellow first-year ADN student Gillian Poole. Jenkins noted the closeness students develop as they go through the program together. "My ADN classmates are like a second family to me," she added.

GOTTA WORK HARD...

THAT'S THE WAY I FEEL...

THIS IS THE WAY I LIVE

College - it's a time of going to class, having fun, and making memories. But there's more to college than that. College is also about learning the way to live. It's about getting involved, growing up, and gaining responsibility. That is what EC's organizations are here for, and they do the job well.

Organizations allow students to get involved in campus life, and they enable them to make the most out of their college experience. Through organizations, students gain responsibility and leadership experience that will benefit them in the working world, while also meeting new people and making lifelong friends. This is the way to live.

With thirty organizations on campus, there is sure to be one that will spark the interest of every person enrolled. For those who like to be in the musical spotlight, there are the Collegians, the Ac'cents, the choir, or maybe even the BSU Praise Team. SBA offers the chance to gain leadership while giving a voice to the needs and demands of the student body, and for the girls who love baseball, the Diamond Darlings provide the perfect opportunity to spend many spring afternoons traveling with the team or running the concession stand.

Opportunities present themselves every day in EC's organizations. Students can plant trees with Phi Theta Kappa or visit the local high school to recruit seniors with Warrior Corps. They can help organize the Native American Club's Pow Wow or attend a worship service at BSU's 8:31. They might memorize lines for the spring musical or even represent EC in an off-campus competition.

Working hard, serving, learning, growing . . . any member of an EC organization will say THIS IS THE WAY I LIVE.

ORGANIZATIONS

Savannah Barksdale, Jordan Gibbs

Victor Warnsley

Brad Sutphin, Chelsey Holland, Amanda Miles

Megan Thomas Mandy Dennis Chasidy Smith

Academic/Career-Technical Organizations

Alpha Alpha Epsilon
ASNEC
Mu Alpha Theta
Phi Beta Lambda
Phi Theta Kappa
Scholar's Bowl
Sigma Sigma Mu Tau
Skills USA
Student Education Association

The academic and career-technical organizations at ECCC ready students for future success. They do so by providing knowledge of a specific field or by giving students a chance to lead, think, and serve. They help students build fundamental skills needed to succeed in the workplace and give them insight into issues and real-life problems they will one day face. Many of these organizations also provide a bridge into the professional organizations students will later join.

Careful not to drop the candles, the Spring 2007 Phi Theta Kappa inductees look forward into the audience of parents and family members as President Steven Cullen reads the duties of being a member. "We were standing so close, and I was so scared I was going to get burned by the hot wax," said inductee Candace Long. She added, "That didn't take away from the significance of the ceremony, though."

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau is an academic organization designed to assist students who a pursuing a major in a medical field. The club presents programs on medical opportunities, conducts tours of surrounding hospitals, and provides its members with information from schools concerning further medical studies. Advisors are Peggy Clayton and Patti Davis.

Raw 1: Kimberly Barrett, Heather Garrison, Kristina Moore, Dano Kirk, Chasidy Smith, Karen Evans, Erin Miller. Raw 2: Teresa Gibbs, Lindsey Stevens, Kinsey Rica, Sarah James, Caylee Sullivan, Jennifer Green, Jennifer Clork, Candy Ezell. Raw 3: Potrick Jackson, Daug Kelley, Tiffany Quick, Barbaro Pitts, Jonathan Jackson, Elizabeth Barney, Jeannie Triplett, Jessica Griffin, Nahamani Henderson. Raw 4: Dallas Harrell, Justin Horrell, Tovarius Walker, Joshua Skinner, Rase Eichelberger, James Hattaway, Kary Culpepper, John Lafton.

Alpha Alpha Epsilon

Alpha Alpha Epsilon is an organization for students majoring in pre-engineering or industrial arts. It stimulates interest in these professions and provides the opportunity to make further study of engineering and industrial arts opportunities in allied fields. Advisors are Haywood Reeves and Gloria McRae.

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Student Education Association

SEA, an organization for students preparing for careers in education, provides vital information on a variety of educational issues and gives its members practical experience in both teacher-student and teacher-teacher relations. Advisor is Lucille Wood.

Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta seeks to encourage a keener interest in mathematics. The club's activities help develop sound scholarship in the subject and promote enjoyment of mathematics among its members. Advisor is Sue Ford.

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Scholars Bowl

Scholars Bowl is an organization for academically talented students who enjoy matching wits with their peers at community colleges across the state. Students with high ACT scores and intellectual curiosity vie with each other in the fall for a spot on the competitive team that participates in the South Mississippi and the University of Mississippi Scholars Bowl competitions. Team members are questioned in the areas of science, mathematics, humanities, fine arts, and social sciences. Advisor is Dr. Linda Lane.

Ashley Henley, Marie Hay, Stewart Hay, Beth Alexander, Nichale Ball, Raquel Hollingsworth and Dr. Linda Lane, advisor. Not pictured is Victor Warnsley.

Association of Student Nurses - East Central

ASNEC is a constituent of the National Student Nurses' Association, Inc. (NSNA). The organization promotes and encourages participation in community affairs and activities toward improved health care and related social issues. It also serves to influence healthcare and practice through legislative activities. Advisors are Cynthia Odom and Betsy Mann.

First Year ASNEC Students

Row 1: Indio Curry, Jessica Holmes, Calette Russell, Melissa Fergusan, Courtney Townsend, Amantha Raberson, Rachel Chappell, Charles Beavers. **Row 2:** Jennifer Key, Jennifer Harris, Demetra Dawkins, Traci Crabtree, Johnna Wesley, Nicky Strait, Ashley Verry, Abby Yates. **Row 3:** Jeri Thompson, Ashley May, Chasity Odam, Traci Wilson, Lacey Williams, Kristi Ellis, Nicole Land, Katrina Patie. **Row 4:** Mary Bartan, Debra Clemans, Sandra White, Daniel Pickett, Larie Jenkins, Kelsi Ables, Lacey Green, Gillian Poole, Jessica Nettles. **Row 5:** Cantesha Clemans, Pam Daniels, Dona Maxwell, Jennifer Smith, Julie Halley, Stephanie Reeves, Sean Self, Brad McKinley. **Row 6:** Jessica Culpepper, Nancy Hardy, Sara Bryan, Crystal Lemus, Mallary McGawin, Shelley Wright, Beth Perkins, Carby Callahan. **Row 7:** Paige Pasey, Shirley Dentan, Briccili Harrisan, Haley Fisher, Leeana Revette, Tani Langstan, Cindy Johnsan, Stan Smith.

Second Year ASNEC Students

Row 1: Dina Campbell, Zoie Hardy, Lindsey Alexander, Casey Hill, Kristan [illegible], Ja Anne Janes, Sara Stiles. **Row 2:** Lalita Hartley, Eileen [illegible], Michelle Gray, Ashley Windham, Sedania Smith, [illegible]. **Row 3:** Dina Smith, Twanesha McDanald, Jessica McDaniel, Melanie [illegible], Leigh Ann Thrash, Kristin Clark, Jana Sansing. **Row 4:** LaShandra [illegible], Mandy Camans, Shirley White, Christina Dempsey, Kelly [illegible]. **Row 5:** Jennifer Davis, Kristin Clark, Lesley Whitehead, [illegible]. **Row 6:** Anita Palmer, Larie Sullivan, [illegible], Daye Frederick, Kathy Pettigrew, Brian Waltman, Ryan McMillan. **Row 7:** [illegible], Stewart Hay, Bobby Engle, Tony Gannan, Josh Graham, [illegible]. **Row 8:** Brandi Durant, Alicha Bohannon, Kathy Barnes, Daniel [illegible], Bruce Thrash.

Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honorary society of the two-year college. It is designed to promote scholarship, develop character, and cultivate fellowship among academically superior students. East Central's chapter, Theta Xi, won several awards at the 2007 Regional Convention. The chapter received the Pinnacle Platinum Scholarship Award for membership and the Five-Star Award for achieving the highest level of participation in Phi Theta Kappa. Advisors are Debbie Hammons and Sylvia Wright.

Raw 1: Lauryn Laird, Rebecca Rogers, Carol Creel, Krisha Moore, Amanda Schmidt, Mandi King, Kaylee Oliver. Raw 2: Deborah Hammons, advisor, Paige Pasey, Glenda Cater, Kristian Swearingen, Kim Cleveland, Chasidy Smith, Savannah Barksdale, Celeste Burt. Raw 3: Sylvia Wright, advisor, Victor Warnsley, Joe Buntyn, Michael Gregory, Doug Kelley, Joshua Skinner, Drew Leach, Steven Cullen.

Raw 1: Deana Chickaway, Jessica Hollingsworth, Mary Yousef, Felicia Futch, Leslie Hollingsworth, Heather Anthony, Rebecca Rogers. Raw 2: Roxanne Wilson, Delynn Agee, Tammie Davis, Dollye Packer, La' Rea Crocker, Samara Beckham, Shannon Pilgrim, Stephanie Dennis. Raw 3: Mia Tubby, Angie Williamson, Pamela Boone, Sabra Fortenberry, Brookes Mayes, Querida Brookings, Tiffany Boyd, Contarus Carter. Raw 4: Zerell Gardner, Leslie Nash, William Cumberland, Terry Smith, Tyrell Satcher, Carlos Rice, Jeffery Davis, Ernest Spivey, Brett Latimer.

Phi Beta Lambda

Phi Beta Lambda is a national professional nonprofit business organization for college students. During the 2006-2007 academic year, East Central's chapter, Theta Chi, implemented a community service project titled "Knowldege Is King" and hosted a silent auction on EC's campus that raised over $700 for the chapter. At the State Leadership Conference, the chapter was recognized as a Gold Seal Chapter for its fundraising efforts for the March of Dimes. Sixteen PBL members placed at the State Conference with thirteen qualifying to attend the National Conference in Chicago.
Advisors are Christy Ferguson and Kelly Cluff.

Skills USA

Skills USA is a national organization serving members enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, and service occupations. The organization prepares America's high performance workers by providing quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. Career-technical instructors share advising duties.

Raw 1: Tara Graham, Katie Dearman, Mary Patterson, Sha Parker, Lourie Mowdy, Robert Howell, Nathan Sharpe, Monia Burnside, Cynthia Ray, Nolan Gibson, Benny Lee. Row 2: Caurtney Stingley, Nicole White, Anna Smith, Freshta Eylali-Razmi, Brittni Ray, Madeline Dorman, Ashley Crimm, Kerri Withers, Aimee Baugh, Clint Graham, J.P. Phillips, Robert Mingo, Nikki Richardson, Trophimus Haynes, Jeris Shoemake. Raw 3: Josh Warren, Kenya Singleton, Brooke Harrell, Rhonda May, Brooke Savell, Niki Torrence, Reshelle Williams, Kendrah Bradford, Jessica Griffin, Latasha Hall, Sharon Griffin, James Embrey, Justin Rushing, Brian Hillie. Raw 4: Tavarius Walker, Samantha Beckam, Dedra Hobbs, Shekeisha Coleman, Karen Parter, Kristy Boswell, LaTrycia Brown, Jennifer Smith, April Boyd, James Hattaway, Clint Allen, Corbett Boggan, Ernest Spivey.

"The opportunities I have experienced while in Phi Theta Kappa have been the most rewarding of my two years at EC. Not only have I developed an appreciation for academics, but I have also enjoyed the fellowship that comes with being part of PTK."

~ Victor Warnsley

Fresh from victory at the 2006 Southwest Scholors Tournament, Scholor's Bowl members Stewort Hoy, Morie Hoy, Roquel Hollingsworth, Beth Alexonder, ond Ashley Henley, olong with their od-visor, Dr. Lindo Lone, proudly disploy their second ploce trophy. Not pictured are Nichole Ball and Victor Wornsley.

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Not afraid to get messy, Drew Leach works the clay which will soon be shaped into ceramic hearts. Phi Theta Kappa made hearts with the motto "You hold the key to my heart" and sold them to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

Nursing student Ashley May addresses her fellow ASNEC members about the group's St. Jude's Walk. A cancer survivor, Ashley has a special passion for this project.

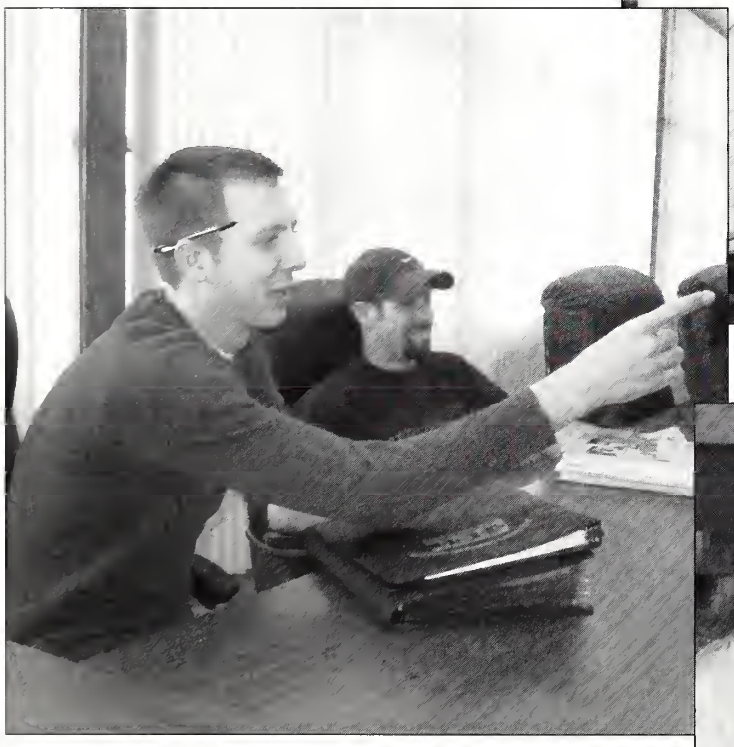
As part of PTK's campus clean-up project, Delynn Agee places trash bags on the cars of her fellow students.

Leadership Organizations

Leadership organizations at East Central help keep the communication between students and school officials flowing as they work together on various issues. These organizations provide students with valuable opportunities to exercise their leadership skills. Students learn to communicate with others, tackle tough issues, and get things done.

President's Council
Residence Hall Council
Student Body Association

Taking a break to pose for a picture, "Doctor" Julie Gaines, Hannah "Ariel" Luke, Kim "Jasmine" Cleveland, and "Scarecrow" Chasidy Smith fufill their SBA duties by giving out free bags of candy at Haunted House of Hoops.



Above, Andy Anderson, Tom-Tom editor, and Jess Dilley, representing BSU, find themselves in the middle of a heated discussion about nametags at a President's Council meeting. At right, SBA Vice President Megan Thomas laughs with fellow friends and classmates Rebecca Washburn and Mandy Dennis at the Welcome Back Week Ice Cream Social. Numerous students broke the ice and enjoyed the free ice cream and cookies provided by SBA.

Student Body Association

Composed of student body officers and representatives from each class, the SBA plans and implements the entertaining activities that make life on campus more enjoyable. Members also serve as liaisons between their fellow students and campus administration.

Raw 1: Maggie McDill, Megan Thamas, Kim Cleveland, Chasidy Smith. Raw 2: Suzanne Henry, Julie Gaines, Dru Anderson, Chelsey Vincent, Caleb Page, Hannah Luke, Brittany Barfield, Loren Kennedy

Jessica Edmansan and Caral Creel

Residence Hall Council

The purpose of this organization is to assist the Director of Student Life in supervising the dormitories. The residence hall council is made up of resident assistants and other at-large members.

President's Council

The President's Council establishes better communications between the student organizations on campus and the President's office. Members meet with Dr. Phil Sutphin and Mr. Joe Killens monthly to discuss activities and concerns.

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Student Publications

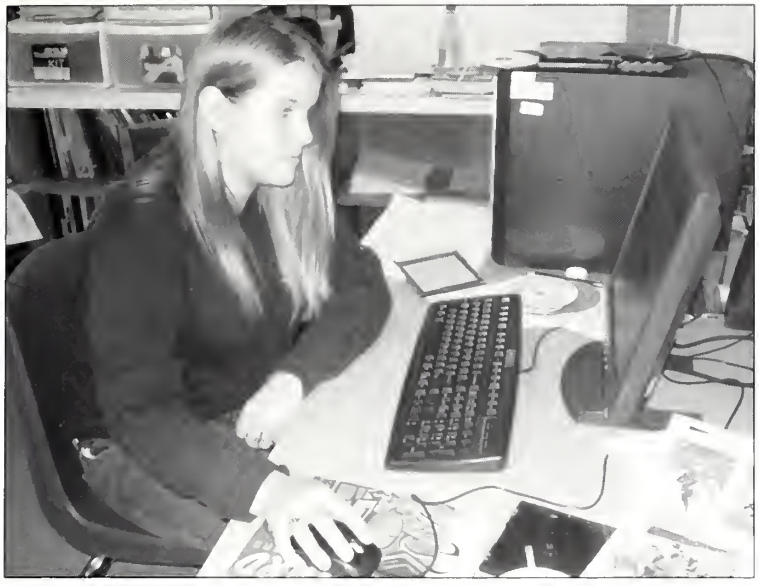
Tom-Tom
Wo-He-Lo

In years to come, the present students at East Central will wish to look back on their college days and relive those moments of opportunity and excitement. The only solid objects they will have to remember those times are pictures and written documents. That is why publications such as the *The Tom-Tom* the *Wo-He-Lo*, East Central's newspaper and yearbook, are crucial to students. Through these, students are able to relive those precious memories again and again.

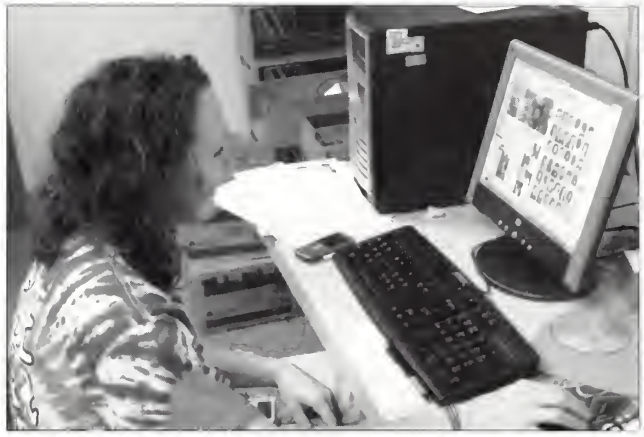
Proofing pages is a key part of yearbook production. Editor Megan Thomas works hard to ensure all spreads are flawless as possible. "You have to be very dedicated to be on the staff. It's a challenging job, but I wouldn't have it any other way."

Focusing on his subject, staff photographer Joshua Skinner snaps a picture for the yearbook. For the first time in years, the Wo-He-Lo had its own official photographer.

With the latest Tom-Tom issue in hand, editor Andy Anderson discusses future ideas and improvements with assistant editor Beth Alexander. The 2006-2007 Tom-Tom staff was one of the most dedicated and hard-working EC has seen in years.



Candoce Long (left) ond Jennifer Sistrunk (below) work diligently on the computer cropping pictures ond typing copy. Computers served o vitol role in the creotion of the Wo-He-Lo, ond stoff members spent long hours on the computer to get the job done.



Tom-Tom Staff

The Tom-Tom is the official campus newspaper. Staff members gain valuable experience in journalism as they produce six issues a year.

Row 1: Russ Godwin, Andy Anderson (editor), Angelo Bootner. **Row 2:** Anthony Williams, Hillary Rieger, Beth Alexander (assistant editor), Chelsey Vincent, Roxanne Wilson

Wo-He-Lo Staff

The yearbook staff works to capture the year through pictures, captions, and informative articles. The Wo-He-Lo is given to students each spring as a record of their time at East Central.

Gina Hawell, Jashua Skinner, Kim Sanders, Candace Long, Jennifer Sistrunk, and Megan Thomas (editor

Religious Organizations

Baptist Student Union
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Wesley Foundation

Three religious organizations are available on campus for students who wish to fellowship with those who share common beliefs. Together they pursue a faith that will be all-important to them in the college years. Members share meals, worship, learn, serve, and pray together.

Daing what they do best, members of the BSU praise band Jash Lafferty, Ryan Reeves, Mandy Holdiness, Daniel Pilgrim, Anse Rigby, and Josh Moore, sing and play instruments while leading worship during Monday night's 8:31.

Careful nat ta draal aver all the deliciaus candy, Mandy Dennis and Maggie McDill make Valentine's Day gaadie bags filled with treats and a Bible verse.

Daniel Pilgrim, Ryan Reeves, and Anse Rigby sing and play "Waves of Mercy" as Rebecca Washburn and Caurtney Elkins teach dance moves to the girls during Steele Baptist Church's GA Day.

Baptist Student Union

The BSU seeks to help students live the Christian life through worship, Bible study, missions, conferences, retreats, and personal witness. The activities are promoted through the Baptist Student Center across the street from campus. Director is Scott Vaughn; associate director is Joey Lang.

Row 1: Courtney Elkins, Brittany Barfield, Maggie McDill, Kristina Moore, Casey Cooper, Heather Jowers, Celeste Burt, Charleigh Alford, Susanna Pace. Row 2: Katie Corley, Cheryl Dowell, Jess Dilley, Brandon Chambers, Mandy Holdness, Justin Harrell, Meagan Cook, Courtney Ingram, Mandy Dennis, Melanie Eaves. Row 3: Nicholas Comfort, Kaleb Pice, Lucas Quinn, Donnie Bell, Daniel Pilgrim, Anse Rigby, Ryan Reeves, Megan Thomas, Carrie Peoples, Tori Williams. Row 4: Joey Lang-associate director, Chelsea Brown, Tab Harrell, Jonathan Crabtree, Allison Taylor, Jason Hurdle, Jordan Patterson, Amanda Schmidt, Rev. Scott Vaughn-director

Row 1: Amanda Schmidt, Keith Spann, Kat Taylor, Andrea Dubose, Mike Dunn. Row 2: Chad Gosselin, Loren Kennedy, Jess Dilley, Jessica Anderson, Beverly Hutchinson, Chelsea Brown, Celeste Burt, Maggie McDill, Jessica Shannon, Kayla Mullinax, Jana Johnson, Lindsey Stevens. Row 3: Lee Blackburn, Jordan Robinson, Robert Westbrook, Alisa Matlock, Josh Sheehan, Caleb Page, Noah Cook, Kristina Moore, Josh Lafferty, Nick Robinson, Bryan Johnson.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in America. The EC chapter conducts regular morning prayer breakfasts which allow athletes and other students to fellowship and share their faith. FCA focuses on equipping, empowering, and encouraging young people, especially athletes, to make a difference for Christ. Advisor is Scott Hill.

Wesley Foundation

The Wesley Foundation, sponsored by the United Methodist Church, is a fellowship of college students, regardless of denominational relationships, desiring to enrich and deepen their Christian experiences and become more Christ-like through worship, Bible study, prayer and service. Director is Reverend Johnny Crosby.

Row 1: Beth Alexander, Ashley Henley, Brittony Alexander, Brittany Barfield, Dru Anderson, Sue Ford, advi... Row 2: Ryan Reeves, Tommy Harthcack, Lucas Quinn, Anthony Williams, Caleb Page, Brett Feldman, Rev. Johnny Crosby, directar. Row 3: Hunter Hoyes, Drew Gillis, Matt Putnam, Ricky Rickles, Jess Dilley, McClain Mullins, Maegan Johnstan, Megan Shoemaker

Special Interest Organizations

Some organizations are difficult to categorize; however, these organizations are vital to East Central. They draw together various groups of people who share interests and give them a chance to pursue common goals.

Diamond Darlings
East Central Environmental Club
Native American Club
SADD
Warrior Corps

Getting a much needed breather, Jolena McMillan, Geraldine Deason, Ernest Spivey, Christina Thomas, Nolan Gibson, Mary Yousef, Sylvia Wright, and Delynn Agee take a break from their hard day's work. Native American Club members traveled to the Mississippi Gulf Coast with PTK to help with Hurricane Katrina clean-up.

Giving it a little elbow grease, Tab Harrell (above) removes invasive English ivy from the grounds of Strawberry Plains, and Stephanie Swanner (right) loads the ivy to take it away. The trip to Strawberry Plains was just one of ECEC's yearly service projects.

Diamond Darlings

Being a Diamond Darling gives girls interested in baseball an opportunity to become part of the ECCC baseball program. Diamond Darlings provide encouragement for the players and offer assistance at home ballgames. Advisor is Katie Sparkman.

Row 1: Andreo Rash, Brittany Germany, Lauren Estes, Jennifer Sistrunk, Rebekah Chapman. Row 2: Valerie Johnson, Amber Eaves, Carol Anne Creel, Kayla Wilson, Lora Burt. Row 3: Hannah Miles, Anna Pouse, Meghan Moulds.

Row 1: Drew Leach, Sarah Henry, Jennifer Sistrunk, Katie Harper, Brittany Alexander, Steven Cullen, Tob Harrell, Joe Johnson - advisor. Row 2: Dannie Bell, Tasha Pauley, Sharon LeJeune - advisor, Stephanie Swanner, Jashua Skinner, Melissa Swanner, Beth Alexander, Ashley Henley.

East Central Environmental Club

The purpose of ECEC is to promote environmental awareness among its members and the community, to promote and encourage recycling, and to become an active part of the environmental network and the community. To accomplish these goals, ECEC meets once a month, either for club business or to collect materials for recycling. ECEC also conducts field trips throughout the year. Advisors are Joe Johnson, Sharon LeJeune, and Kim Hardy.

Native American Club

Comprised of Native American students, this organization seeks to provide a support group and means for expressing concerns. This year the group hosted the first Native American Pow-Wow on campus and served on the Mississippi Gulf Coast with PTK. Advisors are Gloria Johnson and Gail Wood.

Row 1: Jolena McMillan, Mary Yousef, Geraldine Deasan, Deanna Ben. Row 2: Victaria Isaac, Deana Chickaway, Christina Thomas, Paul Gibsan. Row 3: Cassidy Lutz, Mignon Wesley, Sherman Billie, Delynn Agee. Row 4: Ashley Wesley, Jerry Waiter, Robert Minga. Row 5: Mitch Shoemake, Brandan Andersan, Jae M. Bell, Ernest Spivey. Row 6: Jay Shoemake, Nolon Gibsan, Michael Hickman.

Students Against Destructive Decisions

The aim of SADD is to provide an avenue for action to young people who have a commitment to resolve the problem of drinking and driving. Advisors are Tanya Boler and Kevin Ryals.

Raw 1: Angela Moore, Yentl Brantley, Laren Kennedy, Chelsea Brown, Whitney Crawford. Raw 2: Victor Warnsley, Joe Buntyn, Jordan Robinson, Joshua Skinner, Shelee' Hurtt.

Warrior Corps

The Warrior Corps is an elite group of students chosen by a special selection committee to represent East Central with recruiting endeavors and special events. These students must reflect the character and integrity of East Central Community College. Advisors are Michael Alexander, Lanette Hanna, and Romonica Evans.

Row 1: Rebecca Myers, Celeste Burt, Jana Johnson, Julie Gaines, Tiffany Thomas, Brittany Barfield, Jennifer Sistrunk, Alaina James, Kristina Moore, Mitch Rogers, Lauren Estes, Krista Chaney, Elizabeth [illegible], Chesley Vincent, Mykel Hoy, Hannah Luke, Carmen Ezell. Raw 2: Mandy Dennis, Chasidy Smith, Leigh Anne Taylor, Ashley Bradford, Kayla Mullinax, Suzanne Henry, Raquel Hollingsworth, [illegible] Faves, Katie Coney, Sarah James, Kim Faucette, Jordan Taylor, Drew Gillis, Skye Tindell, Margan Stringer, Beth Alexander, Dru Anderson. Row 3: Megan Thomas, Kim Sanders, Cannie Savell, [illegible] Brantley, Michael Gregory, Lara Burt, Kim Cleveland, Hannah Miles, Valerie Johnson, Brittany White, Courtney Elkins, Rachel McElhenney, Erik Alexander, Brookes Mayes, Ashley Henley, Ryan Greenwood. Row 3: [illegible] Harrell, Rebecca Rogers, Delynn Agee, Kiel Higginbotham, Elizabeth Barney, Meghan Moulds, Daug Kelley, Anse Rigby, Kelly Kight, Anna Rouse, Joseph Cieglo, Tyler [illegible], Caleb Page, Paul McMillin.

Fully dressed in authentic Native American attire, Cassidy Lutz celebrates East Central's first Native American Club Pow-Wow.

Smiling despite the heat, Diamond Darlings Carol Creel and Brittany Germany still manage to laugh as they rough it out and miss the action on the diamond while working the concession stand.

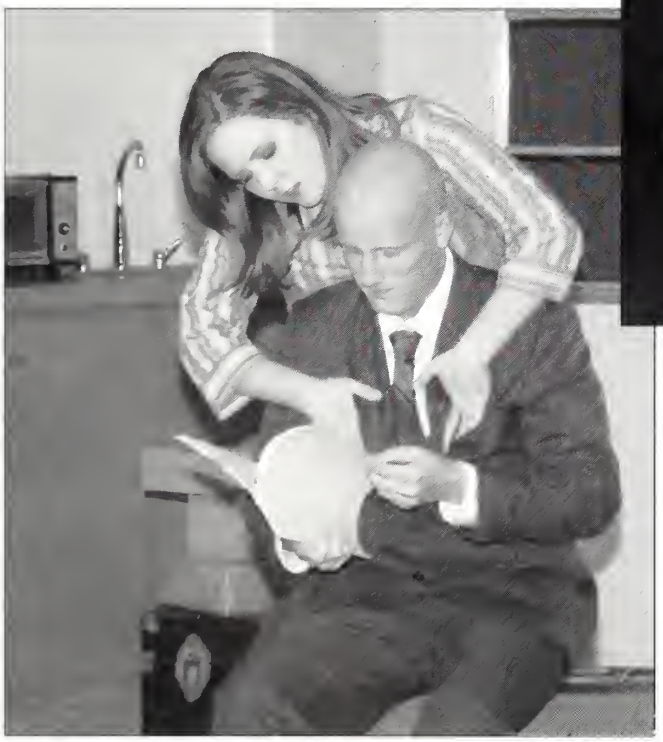
With big smiles on their faces, SADD members Yentl Brantley, Whitney Crawford, and Angela Moore greet students as they walk into Mabry Cafeteria. Students were given the chance to sign a card pledging to be drug free.

Performance Groups

Ac'cents
Collegians
Gospel Choir
Concert Choir
EC Players
Wall O'Sound Band

Members of East Central's performance groups bring all different kinds of talent to the stage. Whether the talent is acting, singing, dancing, or playing an instrument, students in these groups enjoy a chance to shine in front of their classmates. Behind the scenes, each group spends hours of time rehearsing for performances.

Collegian Jordan Taylor gets the crowd on their feet with her version of KT Tunstall's "Black Horse and the Cherry Tree."



EC Players Beth Alexander and Jonathan Crabtree get into their roles in the dinner theater production of *Barefoot in the Park*.

Sweating it out at the Neshoba County Fair, Collegians Luke Howell, Matt Jones, and Colby Amis give the crowd a taste of EC.

Accents Anse Rigby and Carmen Ezell smile during their fall performance, as they make working at the "Car Wash" look fun.

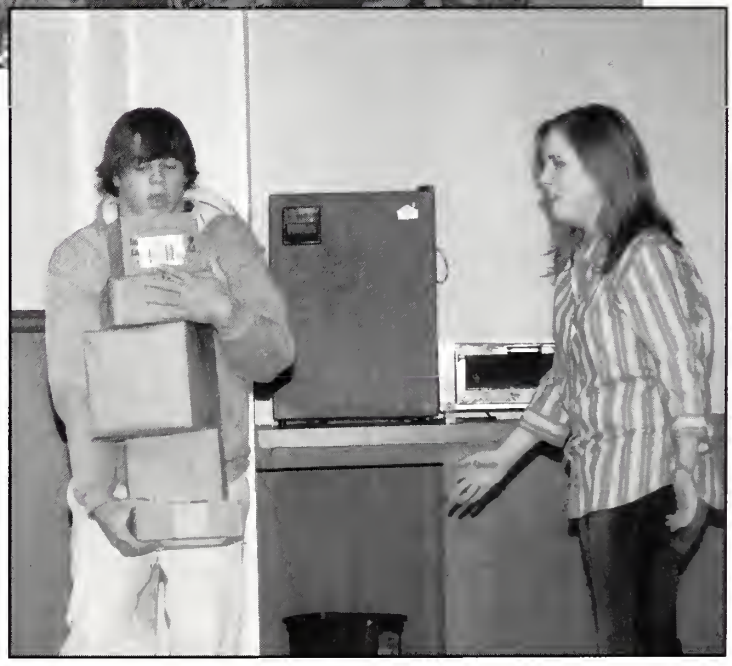
Drum Major Lauren Estes gets in position to direct the Wall O'Sound halftime performance.

The Centralettes show off their top hats and white gloves as they pose for a quick picture after their Michael Jackson-inspired halftime performance.

Row 1: Kristen Thompson, Sally Jones, Caylee Sullivan, Ali Burton, Casey Cooper, Krisha Dickens, Lauren McDonald. Row 2: Morgan Milling, Rachel McElhenney, Maeganakia Latiker, Bethany Sharp, Elizabeth Jackson, Paige Randolph, Lydia Adkins, Mykel Hoy. Row 3: Courtney Elkins, Traci Harrison, Jordan Taylor, Marty Ann Bergin, Megan Young, Kelly Light, Ashley Crimm, Brittany White, Reagan Joyner, Brittany German, Latrice Waters.

EC Players

EC Players offers those interested in dramatics the opportunity to participate in various types of plays as an actor, student director, or member of the behind-the-scenes crew. Each year, the group presents a dinner theater in the fall and musical in the spring. The 2006 fall play was Neil Simon's classic comedy *Barefoot in the Park*. In the Spring of 2007, the EC Players presented *Spitfire Grill*. Theater instructor Stan Tucker aptly directed both productions.



Scenes from *Barefoot in the Park* - from top: Corie Bratter (Beth Alexander) prepares to defend herself as she listens to her mother's (Macey Fleming) criticism. After going to dinner together, Victor Velasco (Steven Cullen) and Corie (Beth Alexander) return completely drunk, while Corie's mom and husband Paul (Macey Fleming and Johnathan Crabtree) just want to collapse on the couch and forget the entire night. Juggling a stack of packages, the delivery man (Jordan Monarch) gets a great response from the audience as he tries to get them safely into Corie's (Beth Alexander) hands.

Spitfire Grill waitress Percy Talbott (Macey Fleming) pours Sheriff Joe (Jordan Hammons) an extra cup of coffee as he looks over his morning paper.

With the fate of the Spitfire Grill in their hands, owner Hannah Ferguson (Rebecca Bene' - center) and waitresses Shelby Thorpe (Tab Harrell) and Percy Talbott (Macey Fleming) share a drink and a few laughs as they read through the letters to decide who should get the grill.

Barefoot in the Park

Cast members for the EC Player's dinner theatre production of Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" include (front row, from left) Beth Alexander of Little Rock, as *Corie Brotter*; Macey Fleming of Prattsville, Ala., as *Mrs. Banks*; Ashley Henley of Hickory, understudy for *Corie Brotter* and props; and Rebecca Kyzar of Morton, assistant director and stage manager; and back row, from left) Johnathan Crabtree of Vicksburg, as *Paul Brotter*; Steven Cullen of Carthage as *Victor Velasco*; Jordan Hammons of Decatur as the *Telephone Repairman*; and Jordan Monarch of Moss Point as the *Delivery Man*.

The Spitfire Grill

Cast members for the EC Player's production of "Spitfire Grill" include (front row, from left) Tab Harrell of Forest, as *Shelby Thorpe*; Rebecca Bene' of Decatur, as *Honnoh Ferguson*; Macey Fleming of Pratville, Ala., as *Percy Talbott*; and Beth Alexander of Little Rock as *Effy Kroyneck*; of Little Rock; and (standing, from left) Steven Cullen of Carthage, as *Coleb Thorpe*; Whitney Lott of Decatur, as *The Visitor*; Jordan Hammons of Decatur, as *Sheriff Joe Sutter*; and understudies/stage crew members Brittany Alexander of Little Rock and Jenna Jackson of Louisville. Not pictured is Hillary Rieger, who served as understudy/stage crew member.

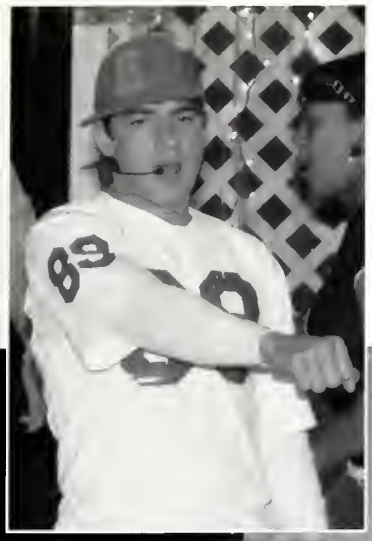
Giving it everything he's got, Anse Rigby harmonizes with the rest of the guys.

Anthony Engram and Maegan Johnston partner up as they show off their amazing dance moves.

Row 1: [illegible] Riegel, Maegan Johnston, Savannah Barksdale, Carmen Ezell. Row 2: Jordan Gibbs, Jessica Cager, Anse Rigby, Noah Cook, Dru Andersan, Anthony Engram. Row 3: [illegible] Barrett, Jonathan Crabtree, Matt Janes, Ryan Reeves.

Ac'cents

The Ac'cents are a select group of students who sing and dance to choreographed partner and solo musical numbers. Directed by Vicki Blaylock, the ensemble is commonly composed of six males and six females. Performances are amazing, with singing, dancing, and a bit of acting all mixed together. The Ac'cents perform on-campus events, as well as for civic clubs and special events throughout the year.



At top, Noah Cook "drives" his car to the "Car Wash"; above, Savannah Barksdale gets the spotlight as she dances her way through the line.

Taking it down a notch, Dru Anderson and Jessica Cager sit to perform a slow song.

Collegians

One of the most popular audience-appeal groups at East Central, the Collegians perform on campus each spring and fall and take advantage of off-campus opportunities as well. Led by Tom Carson, who also plays guitar, the select vocal/ instrumental group performs songs from all elements of Top 40 music.

At top, sophomore drummer Clanton Blaylock provides the beat os he steals the show with his solo performonce.

Dressed in their crozy costumes, Collegians singers Mott Jones, Colby Amis, Kelly Kight, Jordan Toylor, Jessie Cochran, and Aly Burton link hands as they give their farewell.

Kyle Barrett and Caleb Frink have o good time doing whot they love to do - jam out on their guitars.

Singing his version of The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus' "Guardian Angel," Colby Amis dedicates the song to his sweetheart right before he sings his heart out, wowing the crowd and receiving screams from all the girls.

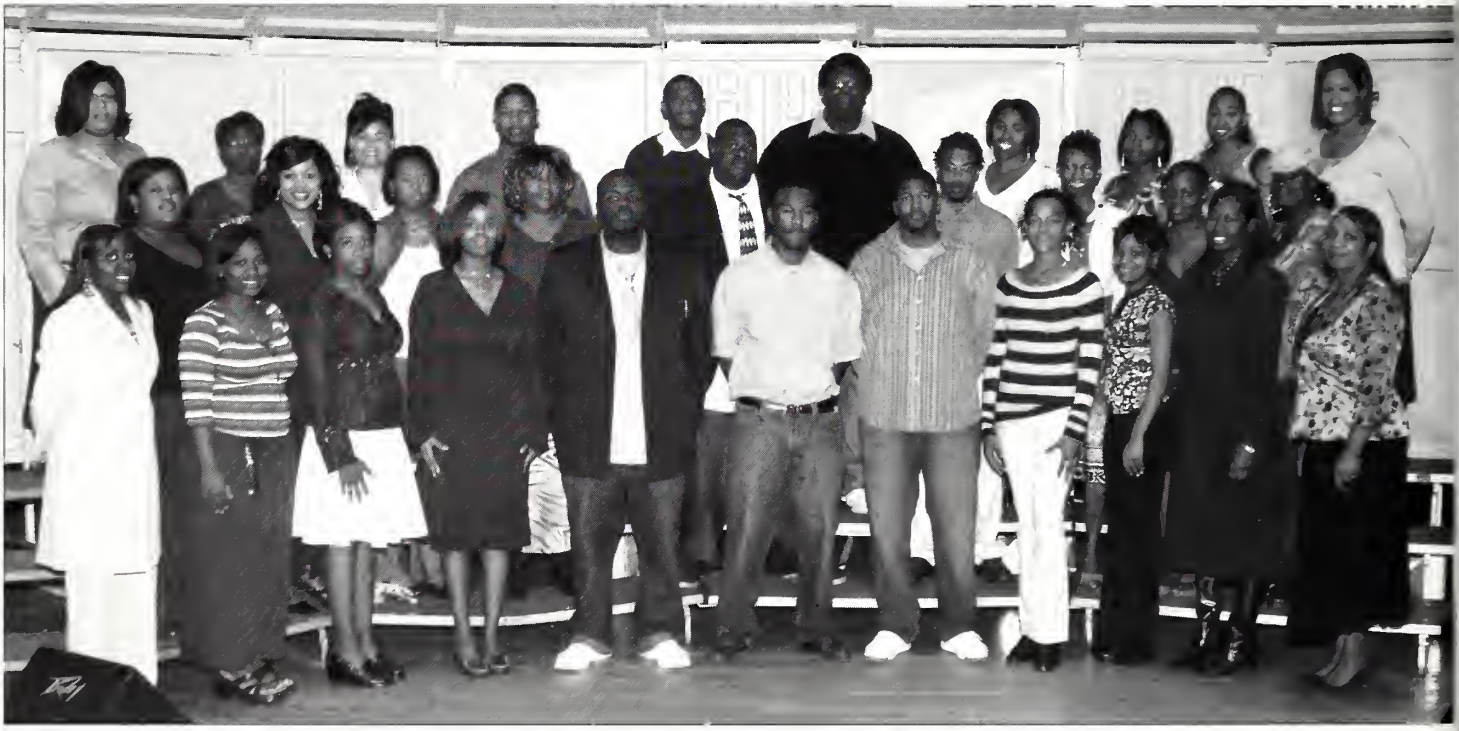
As she belts the lyrics out, Jessica Cochran receives beautiful back-up from Kelly Kight, Jordan Taylor, and Aly Burton.

Row 1: Dustin Gibbs, Zach Foreman, Lee Dooley, Andrew Ladd, Josh Talbert, Jordan Gibbs. **Row 2:** Kyle Barrett, Caleb Frink, Clanton Blaylock, Kimberly Bassett, Aly Burton, Colby Amis, Matt Janes, Kelly Kight, Hillary Rieger, Brent Cumberland, Ben Ingram, Doug Kelley, Drew Gillis. **Row 3:** Jessie Cochron, Jordon Taylor.

Gospel Choir

This traditionally African-American choir performs gospel music in a variety of settings, both on campus and in the five county area. Under the leadership of Brenda Johnson, performances are spirited and uplifting. The theme of the choir's Fall 2006 concert was "Let's Praise the Lord!"

Joy is ever-present in the singing of spirited gospel songs, and this is evident on the faces of these members of EC's Gospel Choir as they perform. At right, accompanist Vicki Sanders shares her talent on the keyboard.



Row 1: [illegible] Eager, Tiera Hughes, Deirdra Yarbraugh, Pamela Carter, Dimaria Parks, Dean Hudson, Chris Kimbraugh, Maeganakia Latiker, Kim Walker, Tyrra Evans, director Brenda [illegible]. Row 2: Tina Finderson, Yeriti Brantley, Candice McCall, Dianne Bayd, Traphimus Haynes, Devin Grace, Alexis Fulton, Dominique Marshall, Kentareya Haward. Row 3: Nickie [illegible]-Gray, [illegible] Hackett, Nikki Peed, Eddie Smith, Chuckie Heard, Andrew Haynes, Thamasian Parker, Christina Kay, Angela Maare, Devan Clay.

Concert Choir

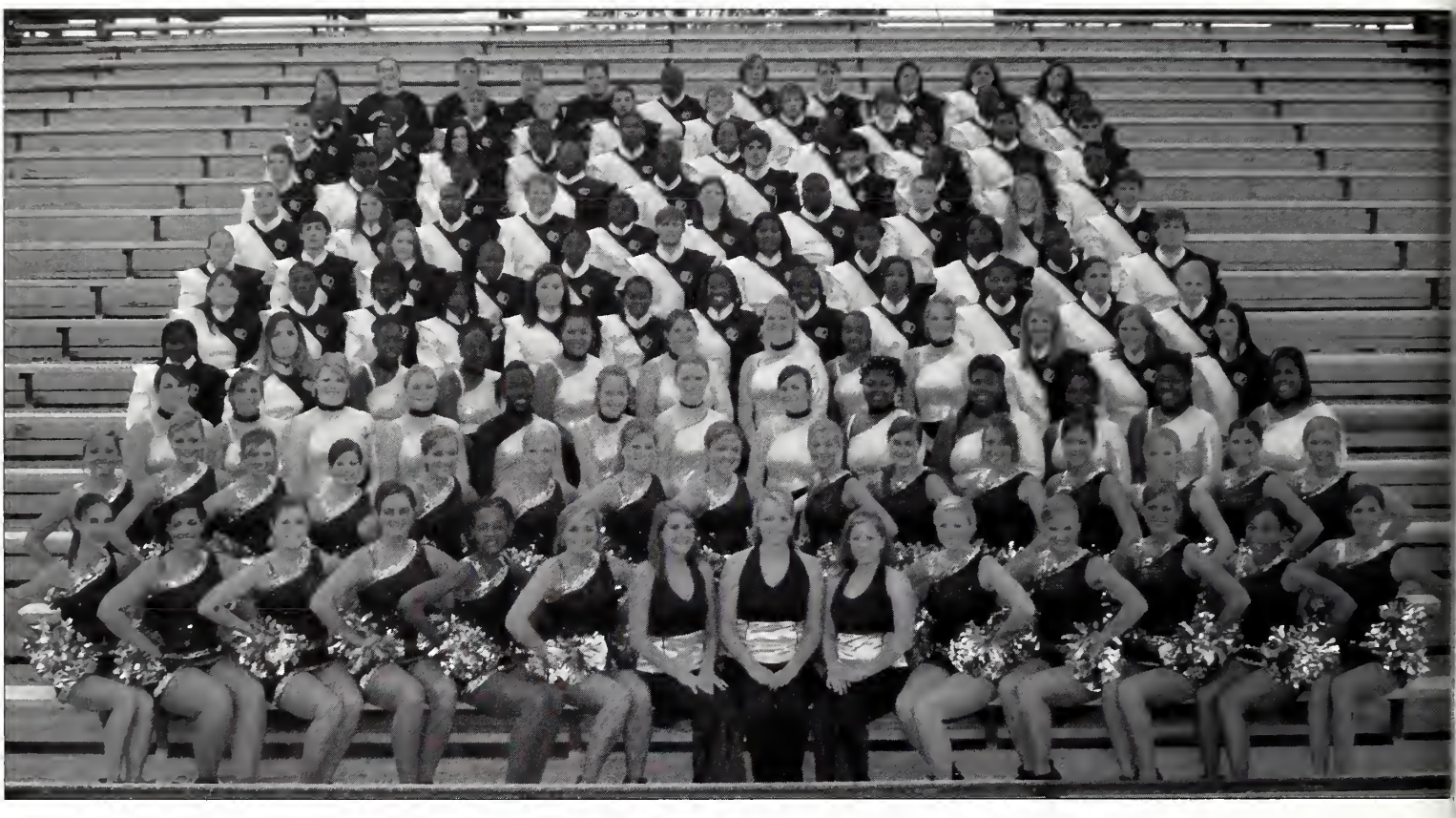
East Central's concert choir, under the direction of Mr. Len Bobo and Dr. Chris Jenkins, performs four-part choral music of various styles and periods. The choir performs a fall and spring concert each year on campus and also attends the Mississippi Junior/Community College Choral Frestival.

EC's Chamber Choir, made up of select members of the concert choir, performs beautifully at the fall beauty pageant under the direction of Dr. Chris Jenkins.

At piano: Accompanist Len Boba. **Row 1:** Angela Boatner, Lauryn Laird, Rachel Thompson, Nichole Ball, Sandy Penn, Britni Wright, Beth Alexander, Rebecca Washburn, Mandy Holdines, Hank Bersan, Christopher Clark, Anthany Engram, Jared Hollingswarth, Lee Dooley, director Dr. Chris Jenkins. **Row 2:** Cristen Jones, Jessica Cochran, Angela Moore, Nakeidea Baone, Tyrra Evans, Suzanne Henry, Chelsey Vincent, Caitlin Harper, Erin Warren, Jordan Gibbs, William Zynosky-Sharpling, Noah Cook, Jeremy Kennedy. **Row 3:** Rhonda May, Heidi Armstrong, Jessica Hallingsworth, Carrie Peaples, Lucy Burns, Jessica Cager, Deidra Yarbraugh, Ashley Pace, Kayla McMillan, Nedrick Patrick, Whitney Lott, Kyle Barrett, Anthony Williams. **Row 4:** Jenna Jackson, Tab Harrell, Maeganakia Latiker, Tasha Warren, Meghan Maulds, Maegan Johnston, Hillary Rieger, Katie Harper, Mandi King, Savannah Barksdale, Vickie Smith.

Wall O'Sound Band

The Wall O'Sound Marching Band is made up of musicians joined by the Color Guard, Centralettes, and Warrior Drumline. Together they perform during halftime shows at football games and at pep rallies throughout the year. The band has previously been voted the top community college marching band in the state and never fails to keep the crowds entertained. Director is Tom Carson; assistant director is Jared Brownlee. Nichole Hillman serves as coordinator/choreographer of the Centralettes; Ricardo Robinson is Color Guard instructor/choreographer.



Band Honors

Wall O'Sound members Aaran Jahnson, La'Taria Lewis, and Jonathan Jacksan were named ta the 2007 Mississippi Cammunity/ Juniar College All-State Band.

Drum Majors

Lauren Estes, Kimberly Bassett
Candi Ezell

Color Guard

Row 1: Hannah Luke, Katie Harper, Charleigh Alford. **Row 2:** Devan Clay, Rayteshia Payne, Deidra Yarbraugh, Jessica Cager, Jessica Yarbraugh, Nedrick Patrick. **Row 3:** Manika McMahan, Yentl Brantley, Elizabeth Barney, Tyrra Evans, Missy Willliams, Whitney Crawford, Angela Maare, Danita McCraw, Nakeidea Boan, Erin Warren, LaTaria Lewis.

Warrior Drumline

Kneeling: Justin Hubbard, Cassidy Byars, Carey Sharp, Mandi King, Chris White, Jonathan Crabtree, Stephen Coleman, Otavian Patrick. **Standing:** Clanton Blaylock, Matt Janes, Kyle Barrett, Manica Chesney, Hillary Rieger, James Embery, John Laftin, Brewer McGee.

Centralettes

Row 1: Kristen Thampsan, Sally Janes, Caylee Sullivan, Ali Burtan, Casey Cooper, Krisha Dickens, Lauren McDanald. **Row 2:** Morgan Milling, Rachel McElhenney, Maeganakia Latiker, Bethany Sharp, Elizabeth Jackson, Paige Randolph, Lydia Adkins, Mykel Hay. **Row 3:** Courtney Elkins, Traci Harrison, Jordan Taylor, Marty Ann Bergin, Megan Young, Kelly Kight, Ashley Crimm, Brittany White, Reagan Joyner, Brittany Germany, Latrice Waters.

Drum majors Kimberly Bassett and Lauren Estes keep the band in sync as they direct the Wall O'Sound's halftime performance.

Taking a turn in the spotlight, Brent Cumberland and Taylor Ball play a saxophone duet in one of the band's musical numbers.

The heart of the Wall O' Sound Band, the drumline adds a little body language to the beat during a halftime performance. Hillary Rieger enjoyed being a part of EC's drumline. She said, "Mr. Brownlee makes it fun – he's very creative and energetic."

With a splash of color, color guard member Lara Burt strikes a pose as the band plays on.

Obviously having fun, Centralette Brittany White is all smiles as she performs during the halftime show.

As the Centralettes perform behind her, Monica Chesney adds a little spice to the song with the xylophone.

Ken Gordon

George Lowe, Jess Brantley, Ray Frierson

Brooke White

Alisa Matlock, Tawaytha Evans, Jordan Patterson

GOT THE CROWD YELLING...

BRING 'EM OUT

Looking for a way to spice up the day and escape the monotony of dull, boring classes? An East Central sporting event is most definitely the solution to this problem. There is no better way to spend an afternoon than cheering on your fellow Warriors to earn that big 'W'.

After a morning of American History and college algebra, students flock to the soccer fields across campus and watch as their classmates scurry around the field trying to gain possession of the ball. On Thursday nights, there is nothing like the atmosphere of a football game. With the smell of hamburgers and boiled peanuts in the air, screaming fans, which include family, friends, and faculty, pack the bleachers. Dedicated freshmen and sophomores deck themselves out in black and gold, and the Warrior baseball team even takes on new skin colors as they arrive coated in body paint. Pom poms wave through the air as the crowd yells, "Bring 'em out! Bring 'em out!"

Seasons change and goodbye is said to the days of football. Fans gather on Monday nights in Brackeen-Wood Gymnasium, shifting the focus to the Warrior basketball teams. The players dribble the ball up and down the court as the crowd cheers them on and yells "Bring 'em out! Bring 'em out!"

As the basketball season winds to a close, the Diamond Warriors work on their swing and the Lady Diamond Warriors practice with one goal in mind - a winning season. Don't forget the golf team, the tennis team, or the cheerleaders. They are just as important as the rest.

No matter what sport you choose, you will find a way to bring excitement to any day. So what are you waiting for? "Bring 'em out! Bring 'em out!"

SPORTS

Freddie Parham cannot be caught by his Ca-Lin CC opponents as he dives across the goalline for a score.

Making a spectacular diving catch, Allen Stewart shows why he was named the team's most valuable offensive back.

EC Football
THIS IS HOW WE DO IT

Always playing like Warriors, EC's football team faced adversity with hard work and positive outlooks.

On August 31, as the 2006 football season began and football returned to Warrior Stadium, players soaked up the spotlight as they called plays and caught the ball, crushing rival East Mississippi.

The season continued on, delivering good times and bad. Through it all, the players maintained motivation and hustled to make plays. How did they do it?

Lineman Kerry Hudson, the team's most valuable offensive player, explained, "As Warriors, we played with a winning attitude. We kept our heads up and smiles on our faces." Ross Tew, sophomore offensive tackle, agreed, "We worked hard in practice and brought out the best in bad situations. It also helped to buy into the coaching system. We believed what they said and knew that what they taught us was going to work."

Friendships made throughout the summer during early mornings and hot afternoons of practice also helped. Derrick Qualls, student coach for defense, explained, "We were like one big family. It helped to be brothers and have confidence in the person on the field beside you."

Though the 2006 season did not turn out as planned, the players did walk away with experience that will last a lifetime. Freshmen Tyler Walters said it best: "No matter what we faced, we always played like Warriors."

~ Megan Thomas

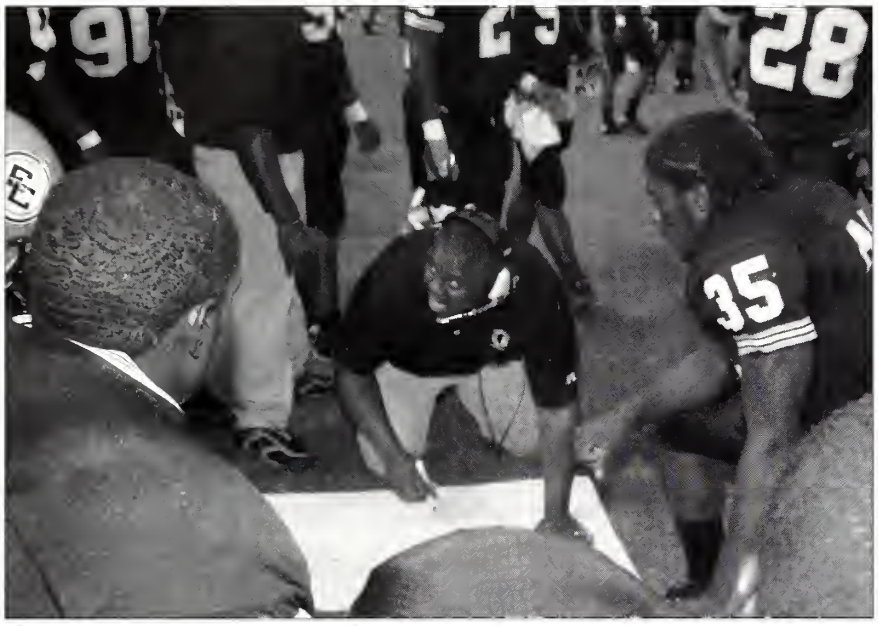
This Co-Lin running back has nowhere to go as Jamar Lawrence brings him to his knees. Most valuable defensive lineman Keith Spann closes in to make sure the stop is complete.

Taking advantage of teammate Michael Townsend's block, wide receiver Colby Amis turns upfield for a long gain. Amis was selected permanent team captain at the season's end.

Jorrick Calvin, EC's most valuable defensive back, celebrates a pass interception against rival EMCC.

After receiving the hondoff from the quorterbock, running bock Cordoe Compbell hos room to run ond turns on the speed in EC's motch-up with CoLin CC.

While the offense is on the field, defensive coordinotor Jomes Miller loys out o plon for Dovid Brockett ond other members of the Worrior defense. The cooches not only gove ployers their knowledge of the gome, they olso demonstroted on exomple of determinotion ond hord work for the ployer to follow.



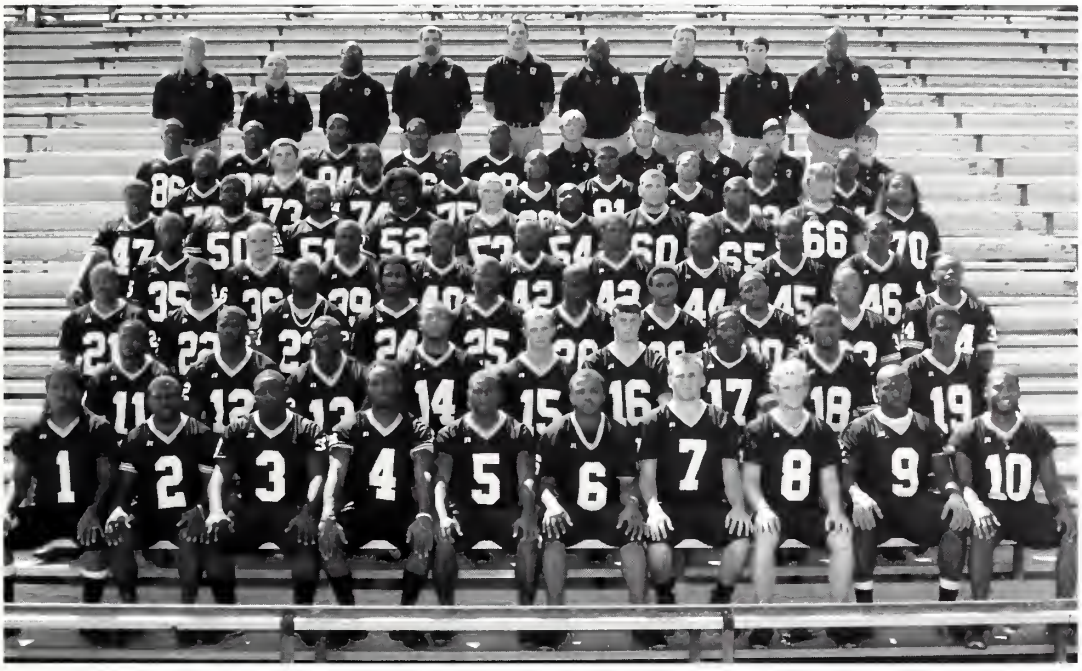
With beoutiful blocking by teommotes Allen Stewort ond Cordoe Compbell, Dovid McConts is oble to round the corner ogoinst Southwest CC for o big goin.

2005 Team Awards

Pictured above are recipients of the ECCC Football Team Awards for 2006. **Seated:** Colby Amis, Academic Award, Team Captain Award; Jorrick Calvin, Kemba Bryant Most Valuable Defensive Back; and Ivon Hickmon, Most Valuable Player and Team Captain Award. **Standing:** Keith Spann, Most Valuable Defensive Lineman; Andrew Herrington, Warrior Award (defense); and Kerry Hudson, Most Valuable Offensive Lineman. **Not pictured:** Allen Stewart, Most Valuable Offensive Back; Ross Tew, Warrior Award (offense).

Post-season Honors

Pictured below are recipients of post-season honors. **Seated:** Colby Amis, honorable mention All-State; Ivon Hickmon , honorable mention All-State; and Keith Spann, MACJC All-Star and honorable mention All-State. **Standing:** Andrew Harrington, MACJC All-Star and honorable mention All-State; Kerry Hudson, first team All-State and MACJC All-Star; Johnathan Pickens, honorable mention All-State; and Mentral Ledbetter, honorable mention All-State. **Not pictured:** Allen Stewart, second team All-State; and honorable mention All-State selections Kenyon Boatman, Kenny Ingram, Jeremy Campbell, Cordae Campbell, Jamar Lawrence, David McCants, George Lowe, and Garry Lindsey.



Row 1: George Lowe, David McCants, Desmond Graham, Ike Knighten, Mareio Harris, DeAngelo Carter, Josh Lowery, Colby Amis, Keith Spann, Mike Dunn. **Row 2:** Gary Lindsey, Kenyon Boatman, Roosevelt Ross, Ivon Hickmon, Katlan French, Grey LaPrade, Cory Steele, Allen Stewart, Darnell Lytle. **Row 3:** Cordae Campbell, Ray Frierson, Kenny Ingram, Jorrick Calvin, Freddie Lyons, Freddie Parham, Dameon Brown, Lamario Hopson, Marcus Travis, Courtney Coleman. **Row 4:** David Brackett, Jess Brantley, Maure' Ballard, Ken Whitfield, Courtney Shelton, Andrew Harrington, Kendall Cooper, Jamar Lawrence ,Perry James. **Row 5:** Harold Knight, Kerry Hudson, TaQuan Lowe, Harry Bell, Tyler Walters, Jeremy Campbell, Kyle Townsend, Jeremy Yarbrough, Ross Tew, Dareus Blanks. **Row 6:** Mentral Ledbetter, Zach Harris, Johnathan Pickens, Marquis Harris, Blair Fridge, Lamarcus Clayton, Lamar Truman, Rod Dixon, John Bailey. **Row 7:** Howard Bivins, Chris Ivey, Justin Wade, Joshua Williams, Mark Hoskins; managers Patrick Woodward, Michael Pientowski, Justin Hurdle, Jason Hurdle, Matt Fondren. **Row 8:** Head coach Terry Underwood; assistant coaches Nick Mackenna, Derrick Qualls, Glenn Elarbee, Mike Volarvich, James Miller, Carey Melvin; athletic trainer Derrick Jones; assistant coach Frederick Lyons. Not pictured is Brian Truman.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Score
East MS	24-20
MS Delta	10-12
Jones	7-13
Southwest	15-33
Pearl River	14-31
Gulf Coast	7-38
Co-Lin	10-23
Hinds	8-27
Coahoma	20-13

With a diving stab, goalie Zerell Gardner makes the save against Pearl River CC.

Showing no mercy, Kale Gardner outmuscles his Jones County opponent.

With a strong kick, Nick Shanks inbounds the ball to his teammates. Shanks was the team's best offensive player and most valuable player overall.

Showing his speed, Austin Scoggin is determined to beat his EMCC opponent to the ball.

Team captain David Harmond hustles to keep the ball moving in the right direction.

Soccer Warriors RUN IT!

Indeed, the men's soccer players could "run it, run it," hustling and playing hard in fast-paced games throughout the season.

Fielding a team with a "hustling, never-say-die" attitude is important to Coach Kenneth Thompson. In that aspect, the 2006 men's soccer team did not disappoint.

Hustling up and down the field in each game, the Warriors kept their oppenents on the run and made them earn everything they got. Though the games often did not turn out the way they hoped, players maintained a positive outlook and played with high-energy no matter what the outcome.

Freshman Jeffery Grimshel said that despite their record, the team had a good year. "Before each game, we asked ourselves, 'What have they got?' We went into each game knowing we could hang with whoever we were playing, and we never let up."

The team got solid play from several key players, including Nick Shanks, who was in the top half of EC's division in individual scoring. Shanks was also named first team All-State.

"Run it, run it . . . " - that's what East Central's soccer Warriors did game in and game out. Their final record may have been a little disappointing, but their attitudes and effort definitely were not.

~ Megan Thomas

With Celeste Burt ready to assist, Brooke White works the ball toward the goal. White was both the most valuable player and best offensive player for the team.

With her intensity showing, Celeste Burt focuses on the ball as she attempts to gain control of it. At the end of the season, Burt received all-state honors for her play.

Lady Warriors COMIN' OUT

. . . and they want the world to know. In just their second searson, the Lady Warriors doubled their wins from the previous season and emerged as a potential force in community college soccer.

Getting a new sport started at a school takes hard work and dedication. Kenneth Thompson and his second-year women's soccer team proved they have both.

With experienced sophomores and talented new freshmen, the team moved up a notch in Mississippi community college soccer. In a season that included both big wins and narrow losses, they doubled their wins from the first season and finished in the top half of their division in scoring average. Freshman standout Brooke White was also among the division's top scorers.

At the season's end, White felt good about the team's direction. She said, "Even though we were just a second-year team, we worked hard, had great attitudes, and played our best. Our goal for the next year is to be even better and keep moving in the right direction."

Thompson was equally proud of this squad's progress. "The girls had a great attitude and always played with lots of hustle - an EC soccer trademark." He added, "We are definitely on the right track."

There is no doubt that ladies' soccer at EC is "comin' out" and moving forward. When this year's talented freshmen take the lead as sophomores next season, the world will know that EC women's soccer is headed in a winning direction.

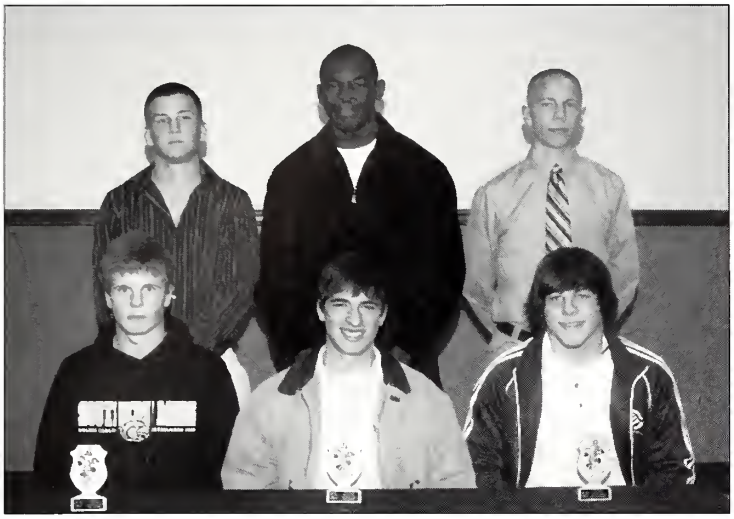
~ Megan Thomas

Showing off her impressive foot skills, Kimbo Seale, one of the squad's best defensive players, works to keep the ball in EC's control.

With her opponent in pursuit, Katie Jackson looks across the field to pass the ball to a teammate.

Battling her Jones County opponent, Shantel Hemphill works to take the ball away. Hemphill was named one of the team's best defensive players.

Keeping the ball under control, Josh Johnson gets around the Holmes CC defender to move toward the goal.

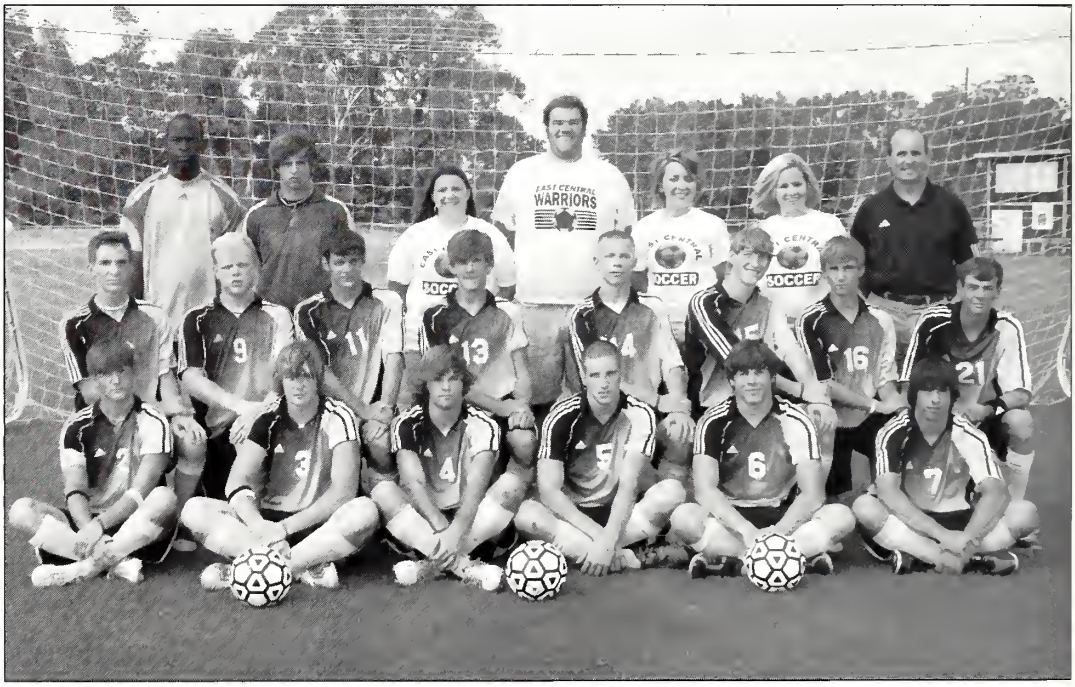


2006 Team Awards

Seated: Nick Shanks,Most Valuable Player, Best Offensive Player, and first team All-State; Noah Cook, Hustle Award; and Jordan Monarch , Best Defensive Player. **Standing:** David Harmond, Team Captain, Warrior Award, and honorable mention All-State; Zerell Gardner , Academic Award and honorable mention All-State; and Josh Moore, Most Improved Player.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Scores
Mississippi Delta	1 - 3
East Mississippi	3 - 3 ; 2 - 4
Holmes	0 - 4 ; 0 - 4
Itawamba	1 - 7
Copiah-Lincoln	0 - 6 ; 3 - 0
Pearl River	0 - 5 ; 0 - 7
Mississippi Gulf Coast	0 - 5 ; 0 - 7
Jones	0 - 2 ; 0 - 6
Southwest	2 - 1 ; 5 - 0
Meridian	0 - 7 ; 2 - 4

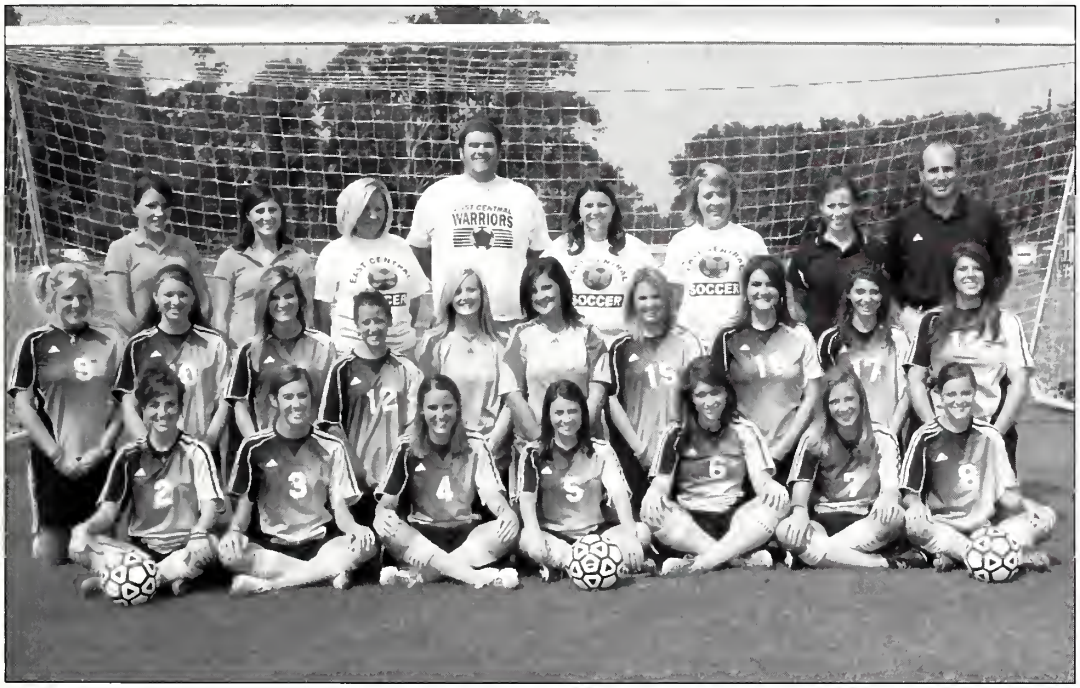


Seated: David Harmond, Kale Gardner, Josh Johnson, Kevin Rooney, Jordan Monarch, Noah Cook. **Kneeling:** Mark Craig, Trey Whitehead, Levi Pitts, Kevin Bennett, Joshua Moore, Austin Seoggin, McClain Mullins, Jeffery Grimshel. **Standing:** Zerell Gardner and Patrick Karel; student assistants Anse Rigby, Kayla Henderson, Katie Corley, Mandy Holdiness; head coach Kenneth Thompson.

With her opponent closing in, Skye Tindall keeps her eyes focused on the ball.

2006 Team Awards

Seated: Chelsey Vincent, Most Improved Player; Celeste Burt, first team All-State and Academic Award; Maggie McDill, Team Captain, Academic Award, and honorable mention All-State; and Kristina Moore, Warrior Award. **Standing:** Kimbo Seale, Best Defensive Player; Shantel Hemphill, Best Defensive Player; Brooke White, Most Valuable Player, Best Offensive Player, and All-Region 23; and Skye Tindall, Hustle Award.



Seated: Celeste Burt, Chelsey Vincent, Brooke White, Lindsey Province, Maggie McDill, Sierra Hinson, Jana Johnson. **Kneeling:** Chelsea Brown, Skye Tindall, Katie Jackson, Kristina Moore, Kristine Easley, Brittney Harper, Josie Bridges, Shantel Hemphill, Kimbo Steele, Laura Smith. **Standing:** Student assistants Hannah Sanderson, Charlee Dana, Mandy Holdiness, Anse Rigby, Kayla Henderson, Katie Corley; student trainer Danyell Taylor; head coach Kenneth Thompson.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Scores
Mississippi Delta	1 - 2
East Mississippi	1 - 1 ; 3 - 0
Hinds	0 - 4
Itawamba	2 - 4
Copiah-Lincoln	1 - 2 ; 1 - 3
Pearl River	2 - 4 ; 0 - 9
Mississippi Gulf Coast	1 - 0 ; 0 - 2
Jones	2 - 3 ; 2 - 1
Southwest	7 - 0 ; 13 - 0
Meridian	1 - 0; 0 - 4

Outjumping his Holmes opponent, Mark Wilson has the inside track and grabs the rebound.

With a nice touch, Michelsone Presendieu lays the ball in the basket.

Displaying perfect form, Earnesto Green puts the shot up from outside.

Twin towers - Mark Wilson (at left) and Bryan Johnson (below) tower over their oppenents as they forcefully slamdunk the ball for sure points.

On the court
WE FLY HIGH

Though the season had ups and downs, one thing remained consistent:
the Warriors played hard and hustled,
flying high in each game no matter what the outcome.

In his first season as men's basketball coach at East Central, Maurice Bowie fielded a team that had ups and downs - big wins as well as hard-fought, overtime losses. But no matter what the outcome: EC's basketball Warriors "flew high" in each game - grabbing rebounds, slamming dunks, and making big plays.

The team maintained a break-even record for much of the season, but hit a rough spot mid-season. However, after the brief skid, the Warriors came back with some big wins, including a 92-65 trouncing of rival MCC. Sophomore power forward Bryan Johnson admitted that the team had experienced "some tough times," but added, "Toward the end of the season, we really started pulling together and gelling as team."

Coach Bowie saw strong play from both returning sophomores and new freshman. At the season's end, he had high hopes for future success. "I hope to bring a winning tradition back to EC's men's baskeball program," said Bowie.

That will happen if the Warriors continue to hustle, play hard, and fly high as they did this season.

~ Megan Thomas

Powering his way to get an open shot, guard Earnesto Green drives around the Holmes defender.

Seeing an open teammate, Mike Presendieu makes a crisp bounce pass.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Scores
Holmes	52 - 65
East Mississippi	93 - 83
MS Delta	60 - 71
Northeast	67 - 57
Holmes	91 - 82
East Mississippi	98 - 103
Itawamba	91 - 94 (2OT)
MS Delta	56 - 75
Northeast	95 - 76
Itawamba	74 - 93
Jones	82 - 64
Meridian	85 - 100
Copiah-Lincoln	67 - 74
Southwest	84 - 87 (OT)
Hinds	67 - 82
Mississippi Gulf Coast	62 - 68
Pearl River	67 - 77
Jones	84 - 73
Meridian	92 - 67
Copiah-Lincoln	64 - 70
Southwest	78 - 83
Hinds	70 - 77
Mississippi Gulf Coast	72 - 81
Pearl River	68 - 84

Row 1: Eddie Patriek, Des Morales, Mike Presendieu, Brandon Shelton, Earnesto Green, Caleb Pearson, Jay Brooks, Kashawn Young. **Row 2:** Head coach Mauriee Bowie; Chris Brown, Craig Pruitt, Bryan Johnson, Joe Thompson, Marquis Wilson, Darron Maxtion, Justin Brown; assistant eoaeh Brandon Cornelius.

Gaining the inside position is always important. At left, forward Darren Maxtion easitly lays the ball in as the Itawamba defenders can only watch. Below, Bryan Johnson towers above his opponents as he takes the ball to the basket.

With determination in his eyes, freshman forward Mark Wilson shows his strength as he hauls in the rebound.

Leading the Lady Warriors' fast break, ballhandler Dominque Shelmire looks ahead to pass the ball to teammate Andrea Dubose.

Andrea Dubose leaps high and grabs the rebound over her Holmes opponents.

LadyWarriors PUSH IT TO THE LIMIT

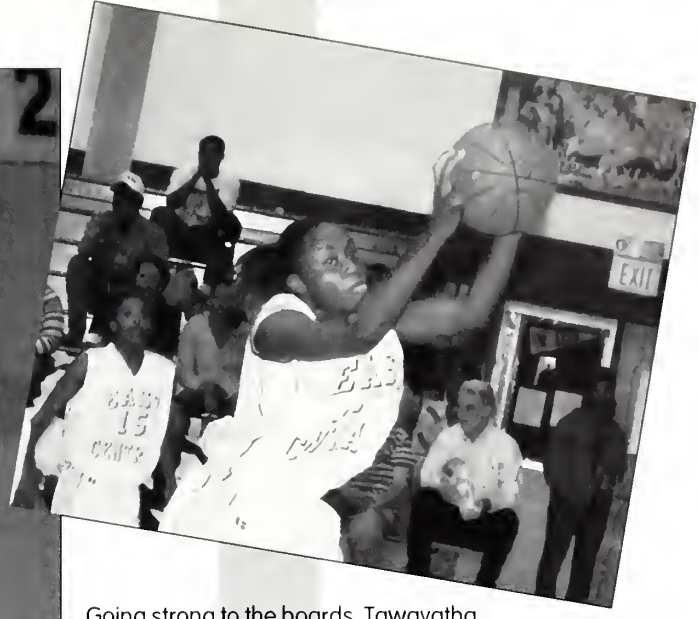
They were "in it to win it" this season:
EC's Lady Warriors didn't hold back as they "pushed it to the limit" and landed a berth in post -season play.

At the beginning of the season, Coach Billy Smith said, "Of course, our goal is to win as many games as possible and qualify for post-season play." His Lady Warriors did not disappoint, pushing themselves to post a 17-7 regular season record and earning a berth in post-season play.

Though the team had several key sophomore players returning, the team was relatively young, adding ten new freshmen to the 2006-2007 squad. They all worked hard and came together as a team, with the sophomores providing strong play and the leadership needed to succeed. According to Smith, his Lady Warriors played "an up-tempo type of game, where all the girls gave it their all."

"In it to win" - that phrase definitely fit this year's Lady Warriors. They had big wins and close wins, and even in their few losses, they pushed themselves to success.

~ Megan Thomas



Going strong to the boards, Tawayatha Evans pulls down the rebound.

Hustling to make the save, Constance Hayes keeps the ball inbounds and in EC's possession.

Guard Tanesha Brown looks inside for an open teammate.

Point guard Andrea Dubose prepares to put a move on the Jones defender to get the ball inside.

Outhustling her opponent, Jordan Patterson gains possession of the ball and draws the foul.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Scores
Holmes	82 - 62
East Mississippi	55 - 54
MS Delta	59 - 75
Northeast	70 - 56
Holmes	76 - 60
East Mississippi	61 - 54
Itawamba	74 - 77
MS Delta	79 - 72
Northeast	93 - 69
Itawamba	85 - 83
Jones	80 - 81
Meridian	95 - 86
Copiah-Lincoln	50 - 73
Southwest	66 - 74
Hinds	71 - 57
Mississippi Gulf Coast	80 - 65
Pearl River	79 - 66
Jones	87 - 82
Meridian	94 - 90
Copiah-Lincoln	58 - 59
Southwest	50 - 52
Hinds	81 - 59
Mississippi Gulf Coast	93 - 89
Pearl River	62 - 64

Row 1: Jessica Anderson; student assistants Queena Gage, Carolyn Overstreet, Lakeshia Bobbitt, Kasenda Overstreet. **Row 2:** Constance Hayes, Chotsani Henderson, Andrea Dubose, Jordan Patterson, Erin Watkins, Tamika Triplett. **Row 3:** Ebonie Ferguson, assistant coach; Dominique Shelmire, Valerie Harris, Tawaytha Evans, Beverly Hutchinson, Katherine Taylor, Carlena Clemons, Alisa Matlock; Billy Smith, head coach.

Going strong to the basket, Jessica Anderson puts up the shot over the outstretched arms of her MS Delta defender.

With her eyes focused on the basket, Tanisha Brown goes in for the lay-up.

Surrounded by Lady Warriors, the Itawamba player has nowhere to go. Jessica Anderson firmly plants her feet while Tanisha Brown, Tawaytha Evans, and Andrea Dubose close in.

Leading the team onto the field is a tradition that gets both the cheerleaders and the players fired up and ready for the game.

While the guys concentrate on keeping them held up high in front of the crowd, the girls smile and have fun as they pump the fans up.

The cheerleaders take a little time to clown around at a Warrior football game.

Row 1: Warrior Rebecca Washburn. **Row 2:** Dru Anderson, Susanna Pace, Carmen Ezell, Loren Kennedy, Brittany Barfield, Kristina Moore, and Elaina James. **Row 3:** Neal Hall, Tavares Walker, Kyle Jones, Dustin Evans, Adam Brown, Grant McDaniel, and Lee Dooley.

EC Cheerleaders
PUMP, PUMP, PUMP IT UP

At games and at pep rallies, Warrior cheerleaders pumped up crowds and kept the teams going.

They pumped up crowds, practiced and perfected stunts, and painted game signs. They held pep rallies, each one filled with innovative activites to fire-up the student body, and they braved bad weather to cheer the football players on. The Warrior cheerleaders showed the heart of East Central as they dedicated their school year to backing our Warriors.

Led by first-year cheer coach Huellen Watson, along with captains Loren Kennedy and Kristina Moore, the squad maintained boundless energy and determination, encouraging the Warriors no matter what the game's outcome.

The cheerleaders not only supported the Warriors, they got to know them throughout each season and interacted with them on the field or court. Mascot Rebecca Washburn said, "After a great play or score, I sometimes got a high-five or a hug from a player. That always made my day."

Through good times and bad, the cheerleaders kept smiles on their faces as they did what they do best. They never failed at pump, pump, pumpin' up their fellow Warriors.

~ Jennifer Sistrunk

The Jones County JC baserunner is easily out as first baseman Richie McAllister takes the throw from a Warrior infielder.

Hustling around third, Luke Baugh heads for home. Baugh's hard work and hustle earned him team's Most Improved Player Award.

Diamond Warriors DO THE HUSTLE

Though wins did not always come easy, the Warriors played hard throughout the 2006 season.

In the spring 2006 season, East Central's Diamond Warriors encountered some disappointments, including hard-fought, close losses and the realization that a repeat as Region 23 champs was not to be. However, they faced each setback with determination and played hard in each game. The players, in a sense, "did the hustle" all season long.

The year had some definite bright spots, including a doubleheader sweep against rival East Mississippi. In this key conference battle, the Warriors won the first contest 9-6 with a powerful 12-hit attack and completed the sweep with a 6-4 decision.

Freshman pitcher Ben McCurdy said, "We had some things going on with the team, but we did our best to stay focused and play hard. We just seemed to come up short." McCurdy added, "I look forward to better things in 2007."

Players honored at the end of the 2006 season included Taylor Petty, Most Valuable Player; Ross Pine, Most Outstanding Offensive Player; Keith Edwards, Most Outstanding Pitcher; Ken Gordon, Most Outstanding Defensive Player, and Luke Baugh, Most Improved Player. Pine was also named first team All-State, and Baugh took second team All-State honors.

~ Megan Thomas

Fielding the ball cleonly, Worrior third basemen James Harris gets reody to fire it to first.

With beoutiful form, Ken Gordon sends a hard-hit boll into the outfield. Gordon not only contributed to EC's offense, he also stood out as the teom's most outstanding defensive ployer.

Hord-throwing storter Joe Patterson hurls a fostball toward the opposing batter.

With the ball hit well into the outfield, Abby Miller rounds third to score a sure run.

Catching the baserunner between second and third, Dominique Mapp prepares to make the out. Mapp was the team's most outstanding defensive player in 2006.

Safe at second, April Boyd asks the umpire for a time-out.

In a match-up with Copiah-Lincoln CC, first baseman Lauren White holds the runner as Lindsey Walker delivers the pitch.

After a key victory, Abby Miller and teammates congratulate pitcher Lindsey Smith for getting the win.

Lady Warriors THEY DID IT AGAIN

. . . but this was no "OOPS." Just one year after posting the best record in school history, the Lady Warriors shattered that record with a 41 - 9 season in spring 2006.

With tough play in a key series toward the end of the 2006 season, the Lady Warriors clinched a championship and secured berths in both the state and regional tournaments.

After suffering a narrow 3-4 loss to rival Meridian Community College, the Lady Warriors came back strong, sweeping a doubleheader, beating MCC 5-4 and 5-2 to win the series. The wins capped a strong season and gave the team momentum going into post-season play.

Not only did the Lady Warriors once again post the most wins in school history, they repeated as MACJC Central Division champions with a 14-2 division record. The team's impressive play earned them a ranking of 14th in the nation among community and junior colleges.

The team was led by four All-Region 23 players - sophomores Dominique Mapp, Erica Hardin, Jennifer Smith, and Joy Cavenaugh. Mapp, Hardin, and Smith also captured first team All-State honors.

Team award winners included Smith, Most Valuable Player; Mapp, Most Valuable Defensive Player; Hardin, Most Valuable Offensive Player; Lindsey Walker, Academic Award; and Cavenaugh, Lady Warrior Award.

~ Megan Thomas

Softball 2007

Preparing for the next pitch, Kimbo Seale cleans off the ball as Shenique Brass waits on first base.

Row 1: Sondreia Hillie, Lindsey Stevens, Kayla Mullinax, Loren Kennedy, Jessica Shannon, Candace Griffin, Andie Easom, Chasity Yates. **Row 2:** Lindsey Little, Whitnee White, Laura Smith, Kady Chandler, Tiffany Thomas, Amanda Schmidt, Kimbo Seale, Shenique Brass. **Row 3:** Assistant coach Dominique Mapp, managers Brooke Harrell, Michael Gregory, Morgan Bryars, Mike Pientowski, Ja'Freeia Malone, assistant coach Jennifer Smith, and head coach Scott Hill.

Golf 2007

With a nice swing, Paul McMillin drives the ball down the fairway. In the 2006 season, McMillin finished in the top 10 of the MACJC/Region 23 Tournament and qualified to compete in the NJCAA Division II Men's Golf Championship.

Tommy Harthcock, Jess Dilley, Alex Deason, Blake Hedrick, Paul McMillin, Coach James Moore. **Not Pictured:** Colby Amis, Patton Stanley.

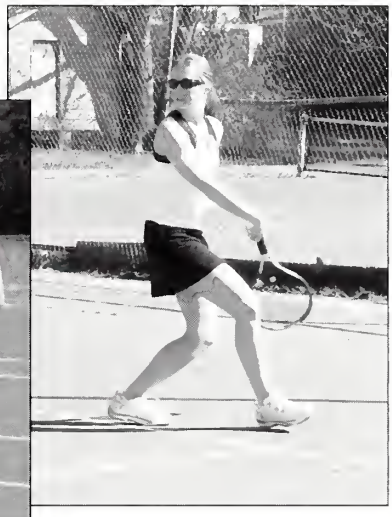
Baseball 2007

Terrell Hendrix hurls a fastball in the season's opening game.

Row 1: Manager Justin Joyner, Luke Baugh, Brian Jones, Lee Blackburn, George Washington, Terrell Hendrix, Colby Hawthorne, Jacob Thames, John Harris, Josh Denson, manager Ben McCurdy. **Row 2:** Assistant coach Michael Avalon, student assistant Daniel Russell, Jacob Casey, Adam Griffin, Katlan French, Jordan Robinson, Gregory Stovall, Chad Gosselin, Josh Lafferty, assistant coach Robert Martinez, head coach Neal Holliman. **Row 3:** Robert Westbrook, Joe Patterson, Josh Sheehan, Chris Parkman, Daven Willis, Jesus Aleman, Carey Miller, Kiel Higginbotham, Jace Hamilton, Warren Bowling, Daniel Carela. **Not pictured:** Earnesto Green.

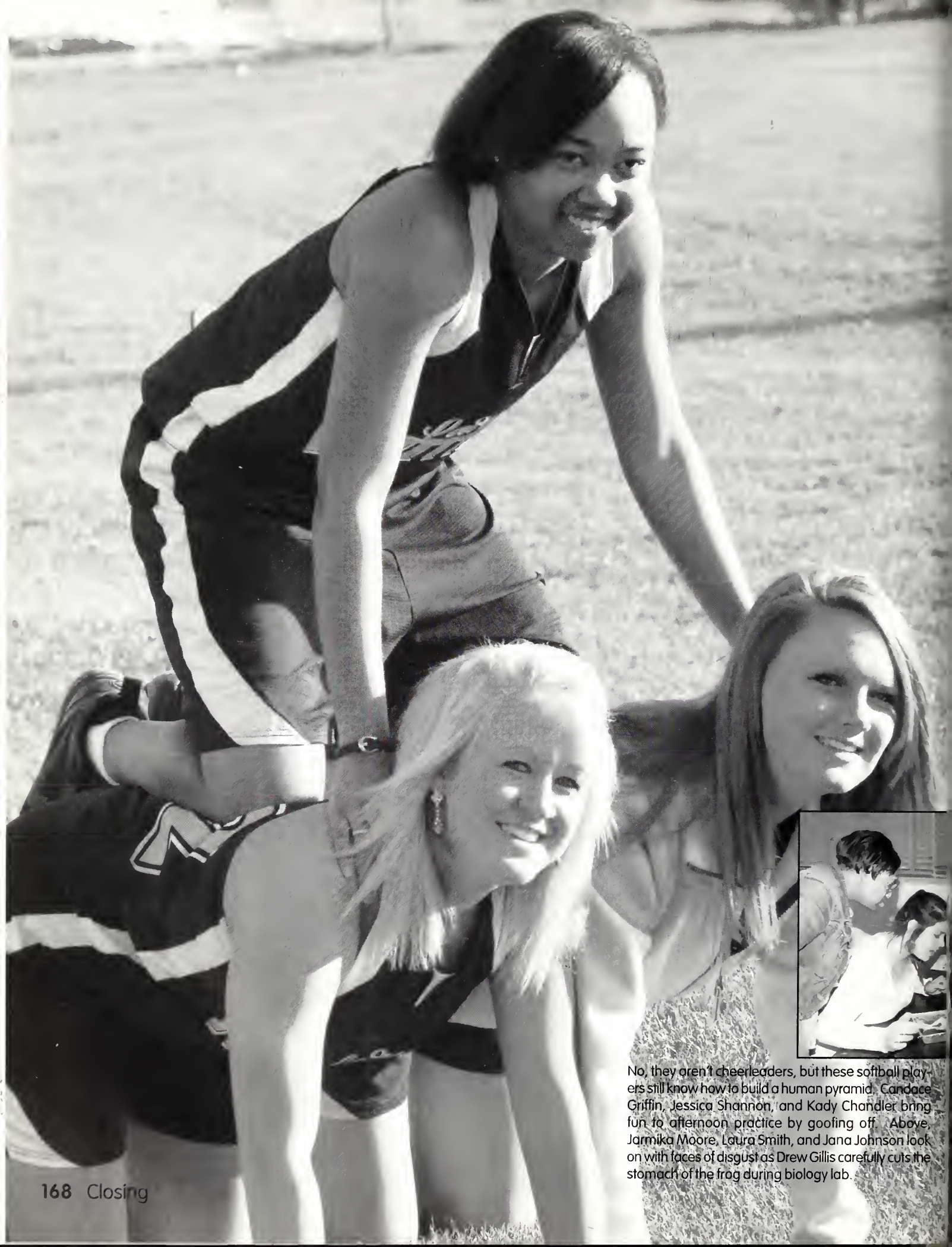
Tennis 2007

Row 1: Mandy Dennis, Julie Gaines, Dru Anderson, Maggie McDill. **Row 2:** Kim Cleveland, Rebecca Myers, Briana Stinson, Nichole Ball, Chelsea Brown.



Keeping her eye on the ball, sophomore Kim Cleveland prepares to hit a powerful backhand.

Row 1: Wade Brown, Matthew Wilkerson, James Harris, Noah Cook. **Row 2:** Joseph Cieglo, Caleb Page, Ryan Reeves, Josh Moore.



No, they aren't cheerleaders, but these softball players still know how to build a human pyramid. Candace Griffin, Jessica Shannon, and Kady Chandler bring fun to afternoon practice by goofing off. Above, Jarmika Moore, Laura Smith, and Jana Johnson look on with faces of disgust as Drew Gillis carefully cuts the stomach of the frog during biology lab.

Bye, Bye, Bye

The year has a drawn to an end, and maybe the song has too. There might be TEARDROPS ON THE GUITAR, but there are still songs on the CD left to be heard. When the year began, the Wo-He-Lo staff had one goal in mind - we made a PROMISE to create a yearbook that fully represented East Central through music, whether it be the hottest video on MTV or a song heard at the Collegians concert. No yearbook is PERFECT, and this one surely isn't. The staff has made their share of mistakes. Maybe the same picture was used twice, or maybe a name was misspelled. We tried our best to relate student life at East Central with our favorite songs. We wanted to show YOU how songs can so easily represent EC and everything about it, even though its impossible to give it justice through a simple 180 page book.

Some may feel like East Central is just another community college, but it definitely has its uniqueness. We are one big Warrior family - a home away from home. Decatur is like a SWEET ESCAPE, and to those incoming freshmen, we say WELCOME TO THE BLACK PARADE. Experiencing EC is a ONCE IN A LIFETIME experience, and it is most definitely IRREPLACEABLE. As Warriors, WE FLY HIGH, WALK IT OUT, and LEAN WITH IT, ROCK WITH IT. We attend classes, feeling WHITE AND NERDY, and we receive beneficial training for our future career or our move to that huge university. We learn what life is all about while we make lifelong memories with new friends that we will always remember, whether its 2017 or the YEAR 3000.

Sooner or later, we have to WALK AWAY from Decatur, and follow the path we choose, whether it be the yellow brick road or the path less taken. We have to BREATHE, SAY GOOD-BYE, and MOVE ALONG towards the future. Maybe one day, that star soccer player will be an ordinary businessman living in BOSTON, or a Wall O' Sound band member could be a ROCKSTAR living in BEVERLY HILLS with a pile of MONEY IN THE BANK. No matter where the road leads, we will always have one thing in common: East Central. The radio will continue to play on, and we will continue to hear songs FROM YESTERDAY in Decatur. So, here are some FAMOUS LAST WORDS: ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END and THAT'S THAT.

Who will Mr. Crenshaw be today? Alexander the Great or maybe a flapper from the 1920's? The World Civ professor always left students guessing which prominent history figure he would dress up as next.

Not missing any of the action on the field, Michael Billie shows his Warrior spirit with his painted face and bandana. For every game of the 2006 football season, students always came decked out in black and gold, ready to support their Warriors.

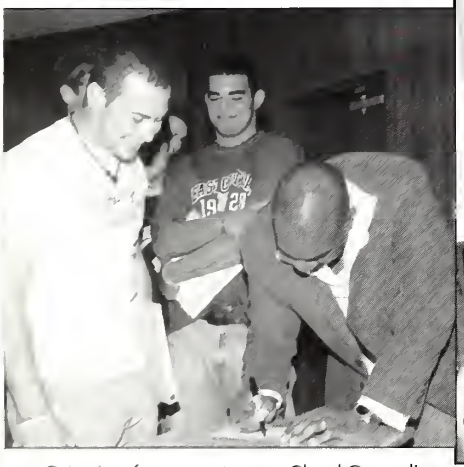
Out of breath from running and racing against time, teammates Cory Burns and Sarah James show their team sponsor they really did finish the event.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE WARRIOR MOMENT?

Hanging out with my boys in the dorm.
-Brent Blackwell

FCA Retreat.
-Kayla Mullinax

Football games.
-Kendall Cooper



Grinning from ear to ear, Chad Gosselin talks it up with professional baseball player Marcus Thames, as Jesus Aleman is patiently waiting his turn in the autograph line. Thames, an EC alumni, annually visited the campus to check on his favorite fan, Ms. Wood.

Flying weightlessly through the air, Elaina James is tossed around by the tough boys of the cheerleading squad, Dustin Evans, Kyle Jones, and Lee Dooley. The cheerleaders performed special stunts, along with cheers and dances, at all Warrior events.

During the season opener, Lady Warrior Beverly Hutchinson latches onto the ball with everything she's got, trying to escape the enemy. The Lady Warriors went defeat the Lady Bulldogs, 82-62.

All dressed up and no where to go until halftime, these homecoming escorts try to make the best of the situation at hand. Blake Hedrick grins for a picture while Paul McMillin thumbs through the program, Daniel Pilgrim and Tommy Harthcock watch the action on the field, and Jonathan Worrell snacks on a hamburger. Above, Celeste Burt fools friends and draws attention from strangers as she disguises herself as a sumo wrestler for Haunted House of Hoops.

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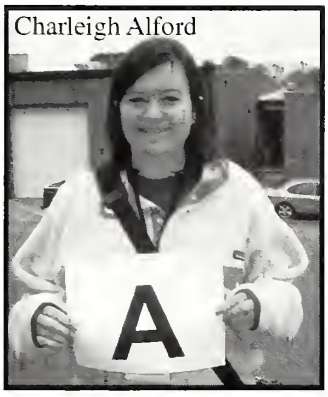

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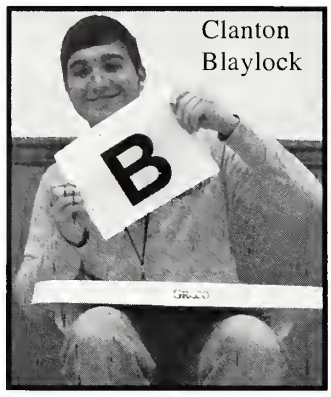

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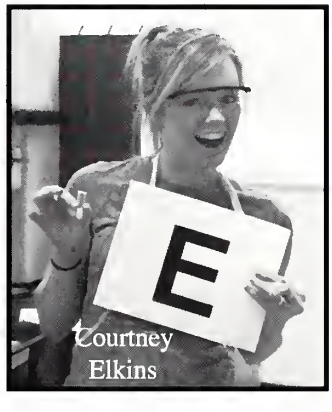

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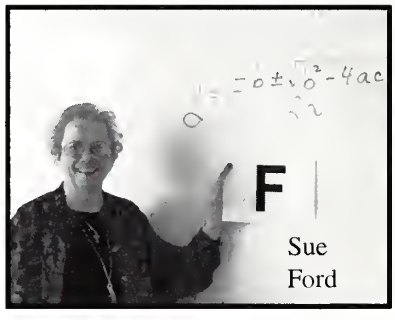

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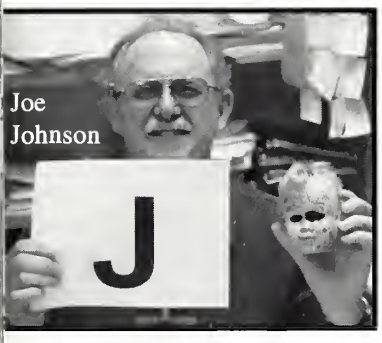

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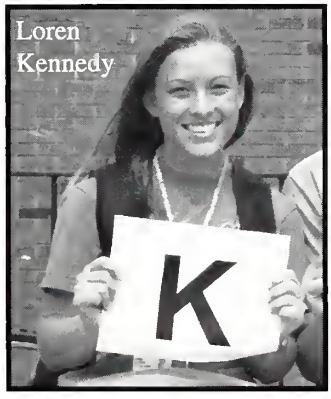

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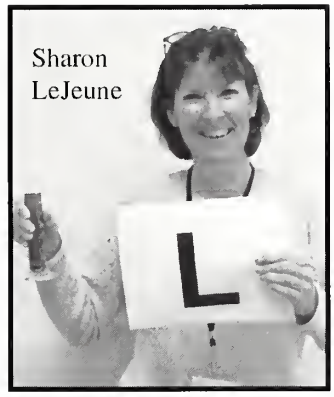

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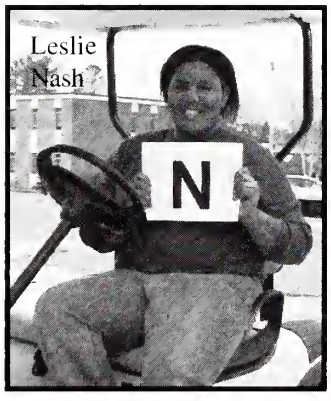

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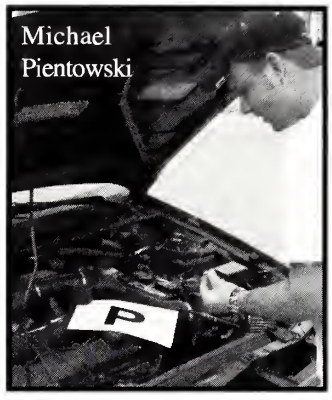

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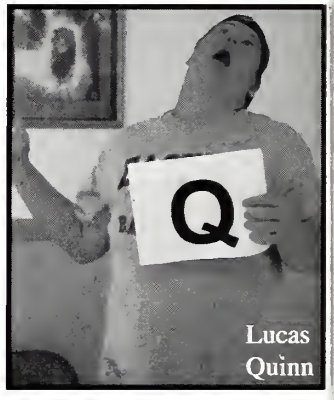

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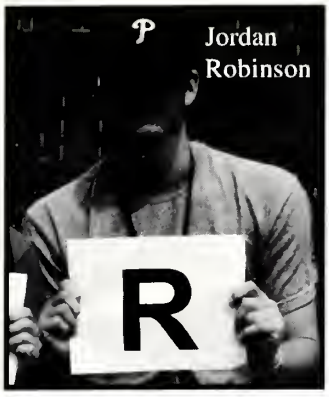

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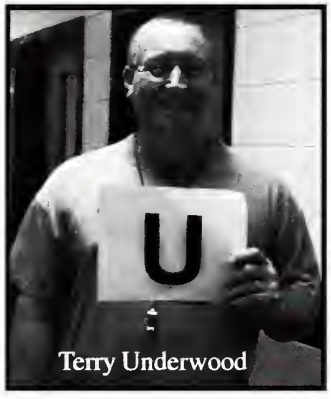

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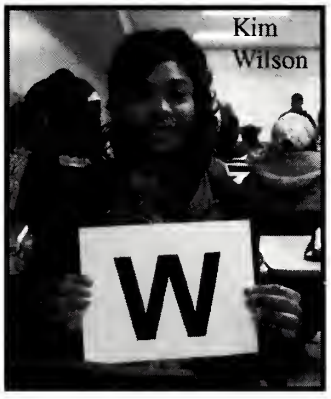

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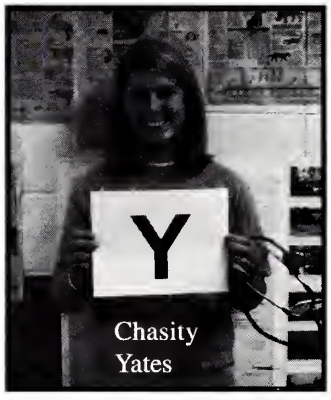

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